

Chairman Barrett Inaugurated; thousands enjoy Festival

With heartfelt thanks to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members who poured sweat, time, and energy into his re-election effort, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett has taken the oath of office for an unprecedented seventh term as Chairman. On June 27, Chairman Barrett outpolled two opponents in landslide fashion – 2001 votes for the Chairman to 321 for Jeremy Finch and 212 for Diana Brasfield. That was 78.97 percent for the Chairman to 12.67 percent for Finch and 8.37 percent for Brasfield.

The CPN Election Committee certified the election results on the Wednesday following the election – July 1. That paved the way for the swearing-in ceremony in the Long Room of the Cultural Heritage Center on Friday, July 10.

Chairman Barrett offered special thanks for his re-election victory to Vice Chairman Linda Capps, whom he called “more than half of the administration team.”

During the event, Oklahoma State Rep. Shane Jett (R-Tecumseh) presented a State of Oklahoma citation stating, “On behalf of the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma House of Representatives commendations, recognition, and acknowledgement are hereby extended to the



Grand Entry is underway on Saturday evening of Family Reunion Festival weekend in this aerial photo shot by Nathan McKay, CPN assistant director of public information, from a plane supplied and piloted by CPN member Bob O'Connor of O'Connor Flying Service.

Honorable John A. “Rocky” Barrett, Jr., for his high achievement and distinguished leadership in his Tribe, the State of Oklahoma and these United States of

America. Representative Shane D. Jett, on behalf of the Native American Caucus (and) The Oklahoma House of Representatives extends to THE HONOR-

ABLE JOHN A. “ROCKY” BARRETT, JR. Sincere congratulations and directs that this citation be presented.”

In support of issuance of the citation, Rep. Jett referenced the fact that “Chairman Barrett was re-elected with an overwhelming margin of victory in the recent election demonstrating a clear and decisive vote of confidence in his continued leadership.”

Rep. Jett also cited the fact that “under Chairman Barrett’s leadership, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has increased the economic and cultural prosperity of his Tribe, our region, and indeed of the Great State of Oklahoma with an annual economic impact in excess of \$350 million providing

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Delbert Jasper Johnson



Delbert Jasper Johnson, 72, Sand Springs, Oklahoma, passed from this life Sunday, June 7, 2009. Delbert was born in Custer, Oklahoma, on September 8, 1936, the son of George Johnson and Lucy (Tinney) Johnson. He was married to Betty Jean Brown in Tulsa, Oklahoma on December 13, 1957.

Delbert was a welder by trade. He was

always building things around the house. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time with his family. Delbert had recently become a member of the Olivet Baptist Church. The family would like to give a special Thanks to Aunt Cora Johnson and Special Friend Vonda Allen for all their help during the time of Delbert's sickness. Delbert will be missed by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean Johnson; parents, George and Lucy Johnson; oldest brother, Virgil Johnson; and an infant brother and infant sister.

Delbert is survived by his daughter, Debra Jones, and her husband, Pat, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; a brother, Kenneth Johnson, and his wife, Louise, of Clinton, Oklahoma; sisters, Helen Huddleston, and her husband, Everett, of Marlow, Oklahoma, Dorothy Roush of Anchorage, Alaska, and Audrey Rice and husband, Carl, of Clinton, Oklahoma; sister-in-law Cora Johnson of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; other relatives and many friends.

Graveside services for Delbert were held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Woodland Memorial Park

Cemetery. Visitation was on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., and Wednesday, June 10, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.Mobley-Dodsonfuneralservice.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Mobley-Dodson Funeral Service of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Bill G. Ketterman



Bill G. Ketterman was born in Alma, Kansas on July 15, 1930, the son of Arnold and Lillian (Simon) Ketterman. His parents, Arnold and Lillian; his brother, Jim; and his son, Mark Ketterman, preceded him in death.

Bill is survived by his wife Georice of Mesa, Arizona; two daughters, Kathy Pick of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Lorri Ketterman of Bloomfield, New Mexico; his brother, Tom, and sister-in-law Sylvia of Santa Fe, New Mexico and his brother Dick and sister-in-law Marilyn of Topeka, Kansas.

Bill has four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren: Amanda Allen and Ed Grabowski of Scottsdale, Arizona; Tess and Mark Quintana, and their two sons, Lawrence Sena and Marcus Quintana of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Audrey and Steve Graham and their daughter, Kaylee

Graham, and son, Evan Graham, of Albuquerque; and Ashten Pick and her fiancé', Matt Mizell, of Albuquerque.

Bill served in the U.S. Army from August 1950 through June 1952, with the 82nd Airborne out of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was a Korean War Veteran and trained for special communications for Viet Nam. He also served with the 32nd Engineers Division.

Bill is a descendant of the Citizen Potawatomi Weldfelt and Krupp Families.

A funeral service was held in Mesa, Arizona on May 27, 2009. Gene Lambert, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation legislature, officiated at Mr. Ketterman's service. Rep. Lambert serves District #5 in the CPN legislature.

Mary Michaelle (Johnson) Holiday



Michaelle Holiday, 43, of Norman, Oklahoma walked on on June 1, 2009. Mrs. Holiday was born on July 19, 1965 at the old Mission Hill Hospital in Shawnee, the daughter of Nickey Johnson and Sandra (Sanders) Johnson.

She earned associates degrees in Business Management and Accounting from Oklahoma City Community College and was enrolled to continue her post-secondary education at the University of Oklahoma. She had earned inclusion on the Dean's List at OCCC with a 4.0 grade point average.

She was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its Navarre and

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Bourbonnais families.

Mrs. Holiday was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Viola (Bourbonnais) Johnson and Nick Louis Johnson, and her maternal grandparents, Ralph and Dorothy Sanders.

She is survived by her husband, Glenn Holiday, of the home in Norman; her father, Nickey Johnson; her second mother, Anita Johnson, of Norman; her brother, Nick Louis Johnson, of Shawnee; her uncle and aunt, Corky and Pody Johnson of Shawnee; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Upon her wishes, Michaelle Johnson was cremated. Details of a funeral service are pending. She will be laid to rest alongside her maternal grandparents at Fairview Cemetery in Shawnee.

Dean Roger Lartz



Dean Roger Lartz was born in Chicago, Illinois on August 25, 1953, the third child of Mary Talty Lartz and Harry George Lartz. He grew up in Chicago and Park Ridge, Illinois, and graduated from Maine Township High School East in 1971. In November 1972, Dean married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn Schneider. Dean and Marilyn bought a townhome in Schaumburg, Illinois where they lived with their much-loved dog, Penny.

In 1979, Dean took a job with Marshall Roofing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he worked with his brothers, Bob and Steve. The next 12 years were the happiest in Dean's life. He and Marilyn had their two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Amber, during this time. Dean's joy in his children was always evident in his voice as he told of their milestones and achieve-

ments in every conversation. Dean was always proud of his girls.

A lifetime sports fan, Dean followed and supported the Chicago teams: the Chicago Cubs, the Chicago Bears, and the Chicago Bulls.

In these happy years, Dean developed his alternate persona, 'The Wizard,' who was capable of incredible acts of magic, mystery, and humor. Dean's jokes and anecdotes entertained his family and friends on a daily basis. He was happy.

Lives do not always run smoothly, and Dean's was no exception. Dean and Marilyn were deeply affected by economic adversity in the 90s, and their marriage struggled to survive. In the end, they couldn't make it. Divorce meant that Dean relocated to Chicago, where he worked as an electrician and missed his family. With his father's death in 1998, Dean began to think about returning to South Florida. He did so in 1999. Over the next 10 years, he renewed his close relationship with his daughters and with his wife.

Dean was diagnosed with emphysema in the last four years of his life, and struggled to get adequate oxygen. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation helped him with his medications in his final years, for which he was grateful. His health was unfortunately irreversibly damaged by his smoking, however, and he died on May 13, 2009, with his daughters and Marilyn by his side.

Surviving Dean are his daughters, Jennifer and Amber Lartz, his wife, Marilyn Lartz, his brothers Bob Marshall and Steve Lartz, his sister-in-law Delia Mello, his sister Patty Dawson, and nieces and nephews Mike, Matt, and Michelle Marshall and Lisabeth and Wesley Hall. His parents predeceased him.

Dean was cremated after a family memorial in Boca Raton, Florida. He will be missed here, but we know that 'The Wizard' is making spirits laugh as he walks on.

Agnes Winniefred Lawson

Owasso, Oklahoma - Agnes Winniefred Lawson, 97, died Saturday Oct. 18, 2008 in Owasso, Oklahoma. Agnes was born Feb. 17, 1911 in Trousedale, Oklahoma, the daughter of Augustus N. Trousedale and Mamie A. Trousedale.

Upon graduating from Trousedale High School, she married Earl Lawson; they were married for 62 years. Agnes worked for the United States Postal Service as Postmaster of the Trousedale Post Office for



14 years, until it closed. Then, she transferred to the Wanette Post Office and worked there for nine more years before retiring. Upon retirement, Agnes and Earl moved to Shawnee and enjoyed going to dances, playing cards, and participating in activities at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal complex. After Earl's death, she moved to Owasso, to be near her daughter and attended St. Henry Catholic Church.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; her son, Gilbert; two brothers, Ralph and Clarence Trousedale; and numerous relatives and friends.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce Schroeder and her husband Robert of Owasso; a brother, Harold Trousedale of Shawnee (who subsequently walked on on December 31, 2008); six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008, at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Shawnee. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park.

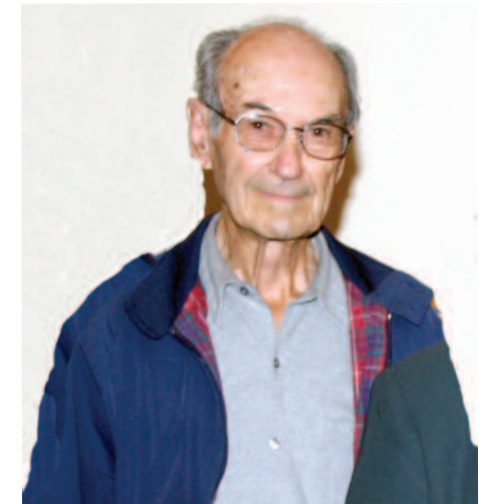
Harold Augustus Trousedale

Shawnee, Oklahoma - Shawnee resident Harold Augustus Trousedale, 86, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at his home. He was born July 17, 1922 in Trousedale, Oklahoma, the son of Augustus and Mamie Trousedale. He graduated from Trousedale Schools and attended East Central University. He was married to Marty Henry for 25 years.

He served in the United States Army Air Force and served in World War II as an Air Force Ball Turret Gunner, flying in more than 33 missions over Germany.

Harold was active in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal government. He served on the election board for several years. Harold loved to play golf; he was a girl's basketball referee for St. Gregory's

University and surrounding high schools. He also loved Oklahoma University football.



He was in business with his brother Clarence at C&H Wholesale until 1983. At that time, he semi-retired to drive the shuttle cart at Shawnee Medical Center Clinic for more than 10 years.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Augustus and Mamie Trousedale; two brothers, Clarence and Ralph Trousedale; and sister, Agnes Lawson.

He is survived by his wife, Martha "Marty" Trousedale; two stepsons, Rick Henry and his wife, Janet, and David Henry; sister-in-law, Joyce Ray; five grandchildren, Aaron Henry and his wife, Carrie, Samantha Hibben and her husband, Tom, Lyndsi Cullum and her husband, Craig, Eric Parry, and Kristen Henry; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many other relatives.

A Wake service was held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 6, 2009 at Walker Funeral Service Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial followed on Tuesday, January 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Shawnee.

John E. Humphreys

John E. Humphreys, 83, passed away on Saturday April 4, 2009 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born in Shidler, Oklahoma on November 2, 1925, the son of John E. Humphreys and Teresa Clara (Slavin) Humphreys Reed. The family moved to Texas when John was two.

He was a graduate of Pampa, Texas High School. He served his country in World War II and was a veteran of action in the European Theater of Operations. He was a Purple Heart recipient.

John Humphreys attended Southern



Methodist University Law School, where he was a graduate. He practiced law in Dallas for more than 40 years and was a candidate for Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court. John practiced law with his son at Humphreys and Humphreys in Houston for five years.

He was a licensed pilot and motorcycle enthusiast. He will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his wife, Edwina; his mother, Teresa Reed, of Wheeler, Texas, who will be 107 years old on December 6, 2009; four children; three stepchildren; and nine grandchildren.

Private family services were held, with his ashes interred at Arlington National Cemetery in Dallas.

Bob F. Davis
(Former CPN Elected Official)



Bob F. Davis, 69, longtime Seminole businessman died Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at his home in Seminole after a seven-month battle with cancer. Bob was born August 15, 1939, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma to Robert F. and Iva Inez

(Campbell) Davis.

Bob grew up in Shawnee, Oklahoma and attended Shawnee Schools. Bob graduated in 1958 from Shawnee High School and celebrated his 50th class reunion this past fall of 2008.

After high school, he joined the U.S. Army where he served and attained the rank of Specialist 4th class. Upon completion of his service to our country, Bob attended Southeastern State University, in Durant, Oklahoma for three years, and was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

Bob married Jary Carol Kinkade on August 15, 1965 at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Shawnee. The couple moved to Seminole in 1971.

After moving to Seminole, Bob began working in the family business at L & L Jewelry and Music, in Seminole, where he was co-owner and operator for many years. Bob has been very active in civic and community affairs. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Seminole, and participated in the Adult D Couples Sunday School Class.

He was active in Seminole High School Booster Club where he served as President three times and was active in the baseball and softball associations in Seminole. Bob was a member of the Seminole Masonic Lodge and was a Shriner. Bob was a former administrator for and a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in Shawnee.

Bob is survived by his wife, Jary Davis, of the home, in Seminole; one son and daughter-in-law, Todd Alan and Darana Davis of Seminole; and one daughter and son-in-law, Ashley Milon and Jerry O'Steen of Shawnee; and four grandchildren, Kade Davis and Kash Davis of Seminole and Shelby O'Steen and Connley O'Steen, of Shawnee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Kenneth Gene McGowan.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Seminole, with burial at Resthaven Memorial Park, in Shawnee. Dr. Kelvin Moseley and Dr. Tommy Clark officiated.

Casket Bearers were David Qualls, Don Brewington, Larry Barnes, Hilton Melot, Jim Smith, Richard John-son, Gene Bruno, Jerry Jennings, Don Pate, and Bill Goodall.

Honorary bearers were Rick Buck, Terry Fletcher, Jeff James, Brandon Moreland, Don Keeton, Mike Snyder,

George Van Wagner, Paul Wahlquist, Larry Ward, and Ted Wernick.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home, 100 West Strothers, Seminole.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Bob Davis to the First Baptist Church "Bridge Fund," 420 Reid Street, Seminole, OK 74868.

Messages of condolences may be made online at www.swearingenfuneralhome.com.

S. Louise Hatfield



S. Louise Hatfield, 81, of Rayville, Missouri, formerly of Holden and Warrensburg, died Thursday, May 21, 2009 at her home. She was born Louise Osterloh, daughter of Clarence and Maude Jones Osterloh in Shawnee, Oklahoma. On May 11, 1946, she was joined in marriage to Melvin V. Hatfield.

Louise worked as a medical technologist for Research Hospital in Kansas City for more than 20 years. In addition, in 1981 she founded Traci's Crafts, located in Warrensburg. She was an avid traveler and loved butterflies, her cats, and crafts. One of her favorite pastimes was attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

Survivors include a son, Michael Hatfield, and his wife Jeri of Oak Grove; five daughters, Gail Kirby of Blue Springs, Dixie Morris of Lee's Summit, Phyllis Strazdas of Redding, California, Janice Hatfield and special friend, Jimmie Frost, of Rayville, and Traci Sanders of Warrensburg and her husband, Chris; 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Louise was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin on December 8, 1994; a granddaughter, Crystal Hyde; three brothers; and two sisters.

The family held a private interment at Pisgah Cemetery, located south of Holden.

Gerald D. 'Gerry' Binney

Gerald D. 'Gerry' D. Binney, 89, passed away on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Midland Hospice. Gerry was born on May 11, 1920 in Rossville, Kansas, the son of Orbie and Emma Gladys Binney.

Gerry was a veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Navy. He resided in Rossville until his family moved to Port Hueneme, California, where he completed his education. He married Dorothy A. Kirkpatrick on January 1, 1972. She preceded him in death.

Gerry retired from Standard Oil of California after 32 years. He enjoyed mowing and his family.

He is survived by his sons, Terry Binney and his wife, Nancy, of Manhattan, Kansas, Chris Kirkpatrick of Elsnore, Utah, Gerry Binney and his wife, Vicki, of Topeka; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mercedes Conway Binney, and his daughter, Sue Dulany.

A graveside service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Rossville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice Care, 200 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606. Online condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennan-family.com.

James M. Gardom

James M. Gardom, 88, of Springerville, Arizona passed away, May 18, 2009. Jim left peacefully while at home surrounded by his family members. He was born in Choctaw, Oklahoma on April 23, 1921. His mother was Minnie Philomen Tescier, who was also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. His father was Dale M. Gardom. Both have preceded him in death. Jim was placed with his parents at the Community Cemetery in Fence Lake, New Mexico.

Jim served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following the war, he married C. Lucille Fort in October 1946, some 63 years ago. They have a daughter, Carolyn Gardom, of Phoenix, Arizona; sons Steven Gardom, of Fence Lake, New Mexico and Robert (Rocky) Gardom and his wife Sheila of Springerville, Arizona; and eight grandchildren, Stacie and Sammy, Robert, Brooke and Christopher, Sarah, Rebecca and Jesse; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Jim has a number of brothers and sisters - Zula, Hester, Joseph, Charles, and Paul Gardom, who all now reside in New Mexico.

Jim retired as a General Contractor, as manager of the Zuni Housing Authority for the Zuni Tribe. Over the years, he worked for Brown and Root, ranched and farmed, ran a 100-cow dairy, and worked for the U.S. Forest Service/Apache National Forest and the White Mountain Apache Tribe, building roads, homes, hospitals, schools, and other administrative buildings.

Jim acquired many skills and worked hard his entire life. He enjoyed his friends, loved his family and the outdoors, and will be missed dearly.

A Memorial Service was held at the St. Peter's Catholic Church, in Springerville, Arizona on May 30, 2009.

Marjorie Navarre Klotz



Marjorie Navarre Klotz, 91, passed away on May 24, 2009 in Llano, Texas. She was born August 18, 1917 in Harrah Oklahoma, one of six children of Robert Joseph Navarre and Mahota McCarty Navarre, who were the founders of the town of Harrah. She attended Harrah schools where she met and married Bill Klotz. They were married June 12, 1936, and remained married for 73 years.

Marjorie is survived by her husband Bill Klotz, and two children, a daughter, Carol Klotz Keller, and her husband William L. Keller and a son, Bill Klotz, and his wife Marlane; five grandchildren, William L. Keller Jr. and his wife Diana of Houston, John Keller of Dallas, Jennifer Keller of New York City, David Klotz of Marble Falls, Texas, and Kelly Klotz Diaz and her husband Daniel of Dallas; and three great-grandchildren, Catherine Keller of Dallas,

William L. Keller IV of Houston, and Danny Diaz of Dallas.

Marjorie and Bill were active in Harrah social life where she taught Sunday School in the Baptist Church for many years and worked for the Post Office for 25 years during the 1950s, '60s, and '70s. She was also a member of the Harrah Garden Club founded by Mrs. O.G. McClurg. In the mid-1950s, they opened the Harrah Dairy Boy restaurant with her brother Bob and Rita Navarre, where Bill made his weekly Bar-B-Q.

The Klotzes traveled extensively across the United States and to London and Paris with their daughter when she was with American Air Lines. They raised show horses, sired by "Man of War," winner of the Kentucky Derby, and traveled the U.S., winning many trophies. They were also active in the Harrah Rodeo where they rode in many parades in Oklahoma. In the mid-1970s, they sold the Dairy-Boy and moved to Lake Texoma to the Gainesville Boat Club where they lived for 30 years, enjoying the lake life of boating and fishing. There they made many friends before moving to Llano, Texas in the Texas Hill Country in 2002.

Leo Dale Peddicord

WAMEGO, Kansas - Leo Dale Peddicord, 87, died August 2, 2009, at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Peddicord was born November 26, 1921, the son of Robert R. and Nettie Peddicord in Belvue, Kansas.

He graduated from Wamego High School and worked at an aircraft factory in California a short time before returning to work on the family farm, where he remained as a life-long farmer and businessman. He served on the Wamego Public School Board for a number of years and as President for a few years. He was also a member and officer of the Wamego Historical Society. He enjoyed Kansas State University football where he held season tickets for many years.

Mr. Peddicord was known around the Wamego area at one time for his famous peanut brittle. He will be remembered by his family as a deeply caring individual who did so much for them. He was famous in the family for having unusual nicknames for his immediate and extended family as well as others he cared about. A family member wrote a song about these family nicknames that was sung to the strum of a guitar during countless family

gatherings.

Mr. Peddicord is survived by a daughter, Lana Northup of Topeka, Kansas; a son, Jim Peddicord, who lives in the Philippines; three grandchildren, Jeremy Northup, Tasi Peddicord, and Jon Peddicord; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Gerald Peddicord of Pottsboro, Texas; and a sister, Rita Groess of Denver, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Robert L, Ellis, and Tom. Funeral Services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 5, at Stewart Funeral Home in Wamego. Visitation was on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wamego Historical Society or the Kansas State University football program, and may be left in care of Stewart Funeral Home, P.O. Box 48, Wamego 66547. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.stewartfuneralhomes.com.

Virginia Lee Springer

Virginia Lee Springer, 86, of Oklahoma City passed away on June 19, 2009. She was born on September 29, 1922 in Oklahoma City, the daughter of Ray and Kittie Mae Herndon. She was one of two children.

She was preceded in death by her two sons, Charles T. Springer IV and Michael G. Springer.

Survivors include her brother, Ray Herndon; her daughter, Kathy Reinke; her husband, Fred; grandchildren Shelly Roberts, Joseph Pemberton, and J. Reinke; and his daughter, Madeline Reinke; great-grandchildren, Amanda Roberts, Hannah Roberts, Samantha Roberts, and Simone Springer; great-grandson, Grey; grandson, Charles Springer V; granddaughter Shauna Rouse and her husband Brandon; great-grandchildren Elle, Evan, and Emme; grandson, Mike Springer; grandson Dylan Springer and his wife Kacie; great-grandchildren, Noah and Adilyn; daughter-in-law, Denise Eggert Springer; and special friend, Sandy Springer, mother to Shauna, Mike, and Dylan.

There are stars that go out in the darkness when no longer their light shineth on. There are roses whose perfume still lingers when their blossoms are faded and gone. There are hearts full of light and sweetness when no longer their life current flows. Still, their goodness lives on with the living like the souls of the star and rose.

You will truly be missed.



Services were held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Matthews Funeral Home Chapel, 601 S. Kelly, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Jimmy Joseph Welday Sr.

Jimmy Joseph Welday Sr., 77, walked on on Saturday, July 18, 2009 in Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon. He was born on March 22, 1932 in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mr. Welday served in the United States Navy.

He leaves behind five sons, Jimmy, Carroll 'Bub', Clinton, and Shannon Welday, all of Portland, and Michael, of Commerce, Oklahoma; a daughter, Kelly Rodriguez of Portland; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Mr. Welday was accorded full military honors, with an honor/color guard and a presentation of the flag.

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Elder of The Month: Benedict Rhodd

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's elder of the month is Benedict Grant Rhodd. He was born on his mother, Mary Matchke Silver Rhodd's, allotment near Pearson, Oklahoma. At that time, it was called 'Pearson Switch' because of the railroad track intersection nearby.

Ben was given a birthdate of April 27, 1919 - the date of his christening. The family believes he is several years older, as Ben can remember vividly about how tall he was and running and playing with his older brothers during the christening. The military also used that christening date as a birth certificate.

Ben's mother, Mary, had left her home and mother in Mayetta, Kansas at the age of nine. She walked behind a wagon with an aunt to Oklahoma in order to receive an allotment and citizenship.

Ben was one of eight children born to Mary and Thomas (Bud) Rhodd. His siblings include Henry, Helen (Tade), Margaret (Betty Berry), Albert, Zoe, Delbert, and Alden. Delbert walked on at age nine at Concho Indian School and is buried in an unmarked grave at Concho Cemetery.

The Megahs, who were related to his mother, acted as Ben's maternal grandparents. Ben was named for the Megahs' son, Benny. Benny had walked on before Ben was born, and is buried at Sacred Heart.

As a child, Ben spent a great deal of time with his paternal grandparents, Charles Richard and Helen (Acton) Rhodd. "Grandpa Charlie was a medicine man, and he would walk through the woods with his grandchildren, teaching them about roots, herbs, and edible plants," Ben recalled. "I only had one pair of overalls, so I had to stay in bed on wash day until they were dry."

Ben carried a gun at the young age of four, but with just one cartridge, on hunting trips. Ammunition was scarce. It seems a lot of ammunition wasn't needed, though. He was known to be a 'crack shot,' always bringing something home for the cook pot.

When he was six years old, Ben and brothers Delbert and Albert were originally sent to Concho Indian School, near El Reno, Oklahoma. But, when additional Cheyenne students arrived, they were sent to Seger Indian School in Colony in west-



Benedict Rhodd

ern Oklahoma. Delbert stayed behind due to illness.

Upon arrival at Seger, Ben and Albert were greeted by their cousin, Alfred LeClair. After one year there, Ben wanted to go back to Seger, but his mother wouldn't allow it, possibly because of her grief over the loss of Delbert.

Ben and Albert then attended Moore Schools, not far from the family home. Fellow students still tell about him being a wonderful baseball player. Ben then went to Chilocco Indian School, where he continued to play baseball and basketball. He also became a Golden Gloves boxer.

Ben received offers of athletic scholarships to attend college, and professional baseball teams had begun to take notice of his talent. His Chilocco education also

included masonry and carpentry.

At 16, like many of his friends, Ben joined the Chilocco National Guard to earn extra money and assist with expenses. Ben recalled the day that he and a friend were "walking back to their dormitory and heard someone shouting across the oval that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor."

After WWII was declared, all the members of the Chilocco National Guard unit were separated from the rest of the student population. WWI tents were brought in and the young soldiers camped on the pastureland adjoining the school campus.

As members of the 45th Infantry, they were transported to Ft. Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma for training. From there, they advanced on to other army camps. Mr. Rhodd served through WWII in Germany,

Italy, and France. He explained, "A lot had changed since WWI, we did a lot of night operations training and a lot of experimenting once it got dark. I'm glad we did, it did come in handy."

He added, "They sent the whole army into the ocean at the same time. There were ships you could see for miles."

He was captured when one of his men inadvertently gave away their position and Ben refused to abandon the young soldier. Ben recalled, "Everybody was busy with something, it was night time and something was going on. Me and another soldier just backed up and backed up and we was gone! I was movin' pretty fast, getting out of there. They had some dogs; I heard 'em, but they couldn't trail!"

"If they'da come up I probably would have petted 'em and said, 'Go the other way, puppy.' Kinda comical sometimes, but very serious too, they still had weapons. Kinda rough on you," he concluded.

Ben escaped through the French underground and managed to rejoin the fighting. "One night I got grabbed to go out with a unit, I wasn't supposed to, but I went anyway. When we got out on patrol, they surrounded us. I got captured again, and they moved us right along until we got into Germany. They would put two guards that hadn't been wounded on us. We knew we couldn't get out. They hated us ... hated us!"

"They beat us and fed us grass soup and they would kill us if they even saw us away from there," he continued. "They had places for us for awhile, but when they got us to where we could understand German they started using us in the farms. Every noon we'd come in for dinner, just like we were at home. We all had a place to stay at night, but they always kept us locked up when they wasn't using us."

Mr. Rhodd also remembered Ben that "at the farm, where he was assigned, there were three horses and a tractor; they didn't farm like we did."

He told this story, "One day about noon-time, I got the smallest horse and rode into the town-lookin' place. Everybody was looking at me -- five or ten over here and 15 or so there. I figured something had happened. Come to find out, the horse I was on hadn't ever been ridden before. I



guess they thought I was quite the rider." This story was related with a laugh.

This time, Mr. Rhodd was a prisoner of war for almost a year; he escaped shortly before the war ended. Ben is grateful to the German family to whom he was assigned. They treated him like a son. When he was sick, they took care of him. "The Stegmier family was really good to me," he said. In fact, nine years after leaving Germany, the Rhodds returned to the German farm he had been assigned to and were welcomed with open arms. It was like old home week, as this family loved Ben.

Upon his return to the United States, Mr. Rhodd was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery under fire after he swam a major river, carrying a rope to the other side, so the soldiers could cross against the strong currents.

At that time, Ben went back to Chilocco Indian School to finish his senior year. He graduated in mid-term in 1946 and stayed on to drive a school bus and coach basketball for the next semester. During this time, according to an article in the school newspaper, The Tattler, it was reported "that Benny Rhodd has been seen squiring first one young lady then another. He has been seen lately in the company of Margaret."

Ben had met his match in a beautiful, talented brunette named Margaret Nelson, a Choctaw Indian from Durant, Oklahoma. Ben and Margaret were married in Shawnee. Later, they became parents to three children, Rosemary, born at Ft. Ord, California; Stephen Edward born at Ft. Riley, Kansas; and Benjamin Kevin, born at Ft. Hood, Texas.

While raising his family, still in the army, Ben fought in the Korean War in 1950-51. He was an engineer, building bridges all over Korea. "When North Korea was beating South Korea, they were burning down houses and leaving a lot of young kids, killing their parents," he said "I had seen a young girl crying down by the river, and I told my troops to turn around. I was going to see about that little girl."

All the girl's relatives had been killed,

and she had been taken in by a young couple with two small children. The young couple was also starving, so they had to put her out. Ben and his company found her and fed her. When others heard about the little girl, many donated money, some their entire paychecks, to make sure she was taken care of.

Eventually, Ben found a priest who was caring for a few other children, as the orphanages either had been destroyed or were full to capacity. Financial arrangements were made to help the priest care for this girl and other children. "I often wondered what became of her, they assured me there was enough money to take care of her all her life," he said. Mr. Rhodd set this all into motion, knowing he could have gotten into serious trouble as a result.

In 1956, the young family returned from a three-year stint in Germany. Mr. Rhodd was then stationed at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. It was there that Margaret walked on due to complications during surgery.

Ben remarried the following year to Verbal Brown of Newton, Texas. Thus, his children gained three older brothers: Billy, Sam, and Jimmy.

Mr. Rhodd continued in the army until December 1964, when he retired. An attempt to retire in 1961 was stopped by President John Kennedy before the Bay of Pigs, when Ben was retained to train troops.

Ben and Verbal bought a home west of Hwy 177, in Shawnee, where Ben still resides. Since his retirement from the army, Mr. Rhodd has been involved in running, showing, and breeding Appaloosa horses; raising and training hunting dogs, both German Shorthair Pointers and Irish Setters; gardening; and his favorite activities, hunting and fishing.

He worked locally, then decided he might as well be the one to drive Verbal to work in Norman, Oklahoma each day. He hired on as an electrician for the Department of Mental Health facility in Norman until Verbal's retirement. Then, he became involved in tribal activities, helping to set up and maintain the Senior Citizens Food Program. At that time, he was elected Honorary Elder Chief of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Verbal Rhodd walked on in 1998; Ben now lives with his daughter, Rose, one of her sons, Nathan, and Rose's daughter-in-law Leesa. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease two-and-a-half years ago, and now, at age 90, spends his time



with family watching T.V. and movies, going out to eat, having lunch at the Title VI Elders Program, and visiting with friends.

Every day, weather permitting, finds Ben sitting in the shade, talking to the family pets, who keep him company in the yard, watching all the animal life, and sipping on his favorite, a Vanilla Coke.

Mr. Benedict Rhodd took pride in serving his country, is proud of his Citizen Potawatomi heritage, and takes great pride in his family. He was not too proud, however, to reach deep in his heart and save the life of a small helpless Korean girl.

Simply put, he is a hero in every sense of the word.

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SGU president retiring

SHAWNEE, Okla. — St. Gregory's University President Dr. Dave Wagie, announced his retirement on August 4, 2009 to university faculty, staff, and monastic community. Father Charles Buckley, O.S.B., a member of St. Gregory's Abbey and former vice president for the university, will be SGU's acting president until an interim is named. A search will begin immediately for the university's next president.

Wagie, an integral part of the school's success in recent years, said he and his wife, Sue, will devote time to numerous important personal obligations during retirement, including spending time with their children, grandchildren, and aging parents. Wagie said he plans to stay in the Shawnee area and continue to support SGU.

"I do feel sad to be leaving, but I felt it was the appropriate time to retire," Wagie said. "We've accomplished much, but we know the future will require much effort as we continue to build the kingdom of God through education.

"Sue and I will miss working with the faculty, staff and monks — but especially our daily interaction with students. They are the mission of the university and have been a wonderful part of our lives the past two years. But we are also enthusiastically looking forward to enjoying the university without the demands required of the president's position."

Wagie became the school's 14th president in March 2007. Since that time, SGU's College for Working Adults expanded to Oklahoma City and added online courses.

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Ross Swimmer praises CPN vision, entrepreneurship in accepting task

Former Cherokee Chief, BIA Director assumes FNB board spot

Shawnee, OKLA. – The former Special Trustee for American Indians, BIA director, and Cherokee Nation chief has agreed to lend his decades of experience and unmatched breadth of pertinent knowledge to the task of assisting the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's bank achieve even greater heights. John 'Rocky' Barrett, CPN Chairman, has announced that Ross O. Swimmer has joined the board of directors of the Nation's First National Bank and Trust Co., the United States' largest tribally-owned national bank.

"I'm convinced that there is no one in America who can match Mr. Swimmer's relevant experience," Chairman Barrett said. "First National Bank will be able to call on his experience and knowledge as a former bank president, an attorney, a former tribal leader, and someone who has had the ear of U.S. presidents."

Mr. Swimmer pronounced himself pleased to become affiliated with a bank with First National's sterling reputation, born of conservative banking principles. "I recall years ago when Chairman Barrett first began talking about acquiring a bank



Ross Swimmer, newest member of the First National Bank board of directors through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. I strongly encouraged him to pursue a bank, but could not have imagined, at that time, how successful it would be for the Nation. CPN has truly set the path for other tribes to follow and opened the door for Indian tribes to get involved private sector development," Mr. Swimmer said.

He added, "The entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well at CPN. Some tribes have chosen dependency and fear becoming independent from the Bureau of Indian

Affairs, while others like CPN have chosen to exercise their sovereignty to stand outside the embrace of the BIA and chart their own course. I am very proud to be asked to join the board of CPN's First National Bank and Trust Company and do whatever I can to add to the growth of the bank and the Nation."

Recently, Mr. Swimmer left his six-year position as Special Trustee, an office created by Congress in 1994 to facilitate reform of the American Indian Trust. The Trust assets today consist of 54 million acres of land, \$3.4 billion dollars under management, approximately 20 percent of America's energy resources, and several million acres of timber.

As Trustee, Mr. Swimmer was responsible for drafting the first Comprehensive Trust Management Plan (CTM) in accordance with statutory requirements. The CTM was adopted by the Department and is being implemented. Additionally, he led the effort to create the first comprehensive records management and storage of all Indian-related records generated by the government.

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Following his exit from the federal government, Mr. Swimmer has rejoined NAFA Capital Markets and NAFA Investment Advisors as a partner. In addition, he formed a consulting company called the Swimmer Group, LLC and has a contract with the Cherokee Nation businesses to support their work with the federal government.

Mr. Swimmer won election as Cherokee Nation Principal Chief in 1975. He served his Nation in that capacity until 1984. As Principal Chief, Mr. Swimmer spearheaded these accomplishment for the Cherokee people: drafting and getting enacted the first modern constitution to govern the Tribe; obtaining the return of historical properties from Cherokee County that had been used as county offices following statehood; building major businesses to employ Cherokee people including Cherokee Nation Industries, Inc., Cherokee Nation Distributors, and a large plant nursery; and developing a comprehensive health care plan for placement of clinics and hospitals in the Cherokee Nation.

He served as Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs – BIA Director – from 1984 to 1989, during President Ronald Reagan's administration.

At other junctures during an illustrious career, Mr. Swimmer has served as Chairman of First State Bank of Hulbert, Oklahoma; President of First National Bank of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; general counsel to the Cherokee Nation; principal partner in Arête Telecom, Inc. of Tulsa; President and CEO of Cherokee Nation Industries, Inc.; and of counsel with the law firm of Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden and Nelson, PC of Tulsa.

Mr. Swimmer is generous with his time, currently serving on the boards of directors of these organizations: University of Tulsa Board of Trustees; The Rensselaerville Institute Board of Trustees

(Rensselaerville, NY); Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation Board of Directors; and Philbrook Museum Board of Trustees, Tulsa.

He has earned these awards and honors: Distinguished Service Citation, University of Oklahoma, 1986; Order of the Coif, University of Oklahoma School of Law; Outstanding American Indian Leader, 1985; Distinguished Service Award, Department of the Interior, 1988; Crystal Crown Award, City of Birmingham, AL, 2000; Constitution Day Award, Rogers State College, OK 2002; Hall of Fame, Tulsa Historical Society, 2000; and Declaration by the Governor of Oklahoma that December 20, 1985 be celebrated as Ross O. Swimmer Day.

Mr. Swimmer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1965. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law the following year.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation purchased the failing First State Bank of Shawnee in 1989. It had \$16 million in assets at that point. Twenty years later, First National has more than \$190 million in assets. It is headquartered at 130 E. MacArthur in Shawnee and has seven branches – in the CPN's FireLake Discount Foods; two in Lawton, Oklahoma; and in Holdenville, Willow, Mangum, and Granite, all in Oklahoma.

Other members of the First National Bank board of directors are CPN Chairman Barrett; Linda Capps, CPN Vice Chairman; D. Wayne Trousdale, CPN Secretary-Treasurer and managing partner of Oklahoma City-based Cedar Creek Lumber; Dr. John Robinson, founder of Shawnee-based Robinson Eye Institute; Jack Grimmett, President of Pauls Valley National Bank; and Jerry O'Connor, a CPN member and owner of Shawnee-based Harvey's Chevrolet/Cadillac/GMC.

World War II veterans wanted for free Honor Flight to D.C.



At his Tecumseh home, Johnny Barnes plays a 160-year-old fiddle that he rebuilt. Johnny is seeking WWII veterans who would like to fly to D.C. to view the WWII Memorial.

By Johnna Ray/Reporter, Shawnee news-Star - johnna.ray@news-star.com

TECUMSEH, Okla. — Only days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941, John Barnes, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, was with a friend in a pecan grove when he saw a military aircraft flying past. Barnes looked at the friend and, pointing to the plane, told him, "That ... is what we need to be doing."

The pair took off immediately to learn how they might enter the military and on December 15, 1941, Barnes became a member of the United States Army Air Corps, known today as the U.S. Air Force. Almost instantly, Barnes was sent to Fort Sill in Lawton and then moved to the Sheppard Army Air Corps base in Texas. After a brief stint there for training, Barnes found himself back in Oklahoma City.

"Then we got on a train and we crossed Tennessee three times on our way to camp in New Jersey," Barnes said. "It was all secret back then. You couldn't say a thing about the war." Beyond New Jersey, Barnes said he was routed to New York and ushered aboard the USS Susan B. Anthony on his way to Casablanca, North Africa. He returned home after a war-plus-six-months tour.

Barnes made many friends while serving but lost track of most throughout the years. Now, more than 60 years later, he hopes he and other local World War II veterans might unite and fly together on an Honor Flight to see the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D. C. "It does not cost the veterans nothing, not even the ticket -- nothing," Barnes said. "Some pilots volunteered to fly them up there. I'd like to get it to materialize and to see that wall."

The Honor Flight began when Earl Morse, a retired Air Force captain working as a physician's assistant, asked a patient if he could fly Morse to Washington, D. C. to see the wall. More veterans joined and soon the Honor Flight Network was formed, with the Honor Flight providing more than 130 World War II veterans free transportation to the memorial in its first year. "I don't know where the money comes from but it's all paid for, the veteran doesn't pay a thing," Barnes, who, in addition to his CPN heritage is part Cherokee, said.

"I'm really wanting to get it together for card-holding Citizen Potawatomi (mem-

see HONOR FLIGHT on page 28



To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com. To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Michael Abel 405-878-5830 or at MAbel@Potawatomi.org.

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more jobs in the county than any other entity."

The citation also notes that "Chairman Barrett's leadership exemplifies the principle that sharing quality seed corn with your neighbors only increases the quality of one's own crop. The Tribe has reached out to the surrounding community in a collaborative effort to address community law enforcement, water, grocery, and other economic development needs for the benefit of the whole county."

In other elections that were on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's ballot this year, District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame was re-elected, to a four-year term, and candidates Dave Carney and Patrick Shannon earned their way into a run-off election in District #8. Adame outpolled Jon Boursaw 121-to-107 to retain the District #4 seat,

representing the state of Kansas.

In a six-way race in District #8, Carney led the field with 37 votes. Shannon was two behind, with 35. The third-place vote-getter, Clyde Slavin, had 32. William E. Anderson was fourth, with 30. Ginger Blackmon had 21, and Kelli Jo Willard drew nine votes.

The run-off voting period in District #8 has begun, with the Election Committee having mailed Absentee Ballot Request forms to all eligible voters in the district. Absentee Ballots must be received at the Tecumseh post office no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.

There will be in-person voting in the District #8 run-off election in the Tribal Courtroom at the CPN Administration Building, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.

Shoots 143 on improved course

Moore's Meyer wins FireLake Classic

Moore resident Jason Meyer, 37, posted a two-day total score of 143 to win the Citizen Potawatomi Nation-owned FireLake Golf Course's FireLake Golf Classic by one stroke on Sunday, August 2. The golf shop assistant at Oklahoma City's Silverhorn Golf Club said, "The golf course was in excellent condition, and having never played Champion Bermuda greens, I have to say that I came away impressed."

Meyer called the tournament "well-run," and said he looks forward to defending his title in 2010.

Coming in second, at one stroke back of Meyer in the championship flight, was Robbie Komacheet with a 144. Andy Farris shot a first-day total of 72 and a second-day total of 74 to come in third with a 146. Fourth place, with a score of 147, went to Ben Coffee.

Jimmy Westfall earned first in the A Flight with a combined score of 151, and Tyler Montgomery and Bruce Palmer took second and third, respectively, with two-day totals of 156 each. A Flight's fourth-place finisher was Steve Montgomery, who shot a total of 157.

Joe Trevino's 152 put him in first place in the tournament's B Flight. Brannon Besse, with a 153, came in second, and Ryan Loudon's 154 put him in third. Clark Baker, with a 155, took fourth in B Flight.

First place in C Flight went to Joe Garcia, who shot a two-day total of 159. Randy Norton, at 160, came in second.



Third and fourth place went to Scott Bell and Fred Jordan, respectively. Bell shot a 162, and Jordan shot a 164.

Don Powers, with a two-day total of 163, came in first in the tournament's D Flight. Zack Larman shot a 173 to take second, and Randy Kerr Jr. shot a 175 to take third. D Flight's fourth place spot went to Hudson, who shot a 177.

Travis Canfield's two-day total of 181 took him to first place in E Flight, while Glen Canfield's 182 gave him second place. Chad Powell and Phillip Larman took third and fourth, respectively, Powell with a 182 and Larman with a 183.

County dances to Czech prizes



Pictured left to right are Lianne Clark, Travis Peck, J. Davis Hobdy, Allison Bobby, and Susan Savage. Photo is by Roman Sejkot and courtesy of New Prague Dance Festival 2009.

Owned by Citizen Potawatomi Nation member J. Davis Hobdy, County Dance Conservatory has announced a triumphant return from its European performances. This year marked County Dance's seventh appearance at New Prague Dance Festival in Prague, Czech Republic. Eleven dancers and faculty from County Dance Conservatory performed works by the school's Director, Hobdy and guest choreographers Lily Cabatu Weiss and Neenah as well as pointe variations restaged by Heidi Menocal.

County Dance Conservatory, which is located in Deale, Maryland, received the Dancing Hand Award for the diverse range of unique works brought to the festival and received Third Prize in Dance Costume for a musical theatre/cabaret piece entitled Double Feature.

Travis Peck was one of seven students who received recognition for Extraordinary Junior Talent. Lianne Clark was one of six students who received a Talent of Dance Award in the senior student division.

This year's festival featured performances by more than 400 participants from Belgium, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, and Turkey as well as two dance groups from California, as they shared their choreography and culture with the festival jury and participants.

For further information regarding County Dance Conservatory, its upcoming performance schedule or class schedule, please visit www.countydanceconservatory.com or call 410-353-8301.

Attention CPN Veterans

I am Clyde Yates, a CPN member and Viet Nam veteran. I have trained as a Veterans Services Officer through the VFW, with the training done by certified VA services officers.

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Clyde Yates - A.S.A. 1967-1971 - Viet Nam 1968-1969

A Wabaunsee County, Kansas Celebration Descendants of Chief Wabaunsee Honored

by Karen Ridder

Elizabeth Wabaunsee decided to surprise her children with a trip to the Wabaunsee County 150th Celebration in Alma, Kansas. They knew it would be a party, but didn't know, as they put on their ribbon shirts, that part of the celebration would honor their family heritage.

Wabaunsee, who lives in Hoyt, Kansas, had been planning the trip since last fall when she went to the Wabaunsee County Museum with a cousin. They were hoping to get t-shirts that said Wabaunsee. Instead they learned that county leaders had an invitation for them.

Curators explained that, since their county had taken its name from the Potawatomi Chief Wabaunsee, they were extending an open invitation to descendants of the leader to be recognized at the county's sesquicentennial celebration. She was surprised and honored. "We take a lot of pride in it. Around here, you can tell someone what your last name is and most people know it because of the county," said Wabaunsee.

Wabaunsee brought her four children, two sisters, and their children to the sesquicentennial celebration in early June. They were among about two dozen descendants of Chief Wabaunsee and other members of the Citizen Potawatomi and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations who gathered for the county's celebration.

Cannons, horse-drawn carriages, and modern tanks circled the square in Alma for the commemoration. At noon, after civil war cannons fired, museum curator Alan Winkler presented a complete history of the county, including the reason they took the name Wabaunsee.

In the 1850s, Wabaunsee's legacy was well known. When a man named J.M. Bisbey decided to start a town in what was then the territory of Kansas, he heard from a Baptist missionary about the name. Bisbey understood it to mean "Dawn of Day" and thought it was a good meaning and name for his new town.

It's not clear if Bisbey understood the darker translation Wabaunsee himself attributed to his name. Wabaunsee took the name after avenging the death of a friend, and said that when the enemy dies his face turns pale like the dawn of day.

That may seem ruthless, but CPN member Amy Rose Herrick, says Wabaunsee's



Teresa Adame greets descendants of Chief Wabaunsee who gathered for the Wabaunsee County Celebration

actions have to be understood through what was going on during that time in history. "They were defending their land. From their standpoint it was how to preserve their nation, their land, their families, their people, and the only way to do that was to try to be ruthless and to try to get rid of the invaders," said Herrick.

Teresa Adame, Fourth District Representative in the CPN legislature and a fourth-generation descendant of Chief Wabaunsee, agrees. She says that from the perspective of a descendant, the ruthlessness that Wabaunsee exhibited is seen more as a sign of leadership and bravery. He was well-respected and trustworthy and was counted on for the wisdom he brought to the nation.

Adame also believes Wabaunsee's legacy of leadership is still living today, not only in the family members who gathered at the Alma celebration, but also as a part of the forward-thinking the CPN embraces. "He started us a long time ago being a more progressive nation. I think that he always wanted to improve and make the life of his tribe better. Any leader has a goal to improve the next generation," said Adame.

Current CPN enterprises, including its grocery stores, national bank, and water district, are the types of ventures Adame believes represent the progressive thinking Wabaunsee encouraged. Wabaunsee's forward thinking was evident in the diplomat-

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Potawatomi Language Lessons: Commands

Commands or imperative statements are relatively easy to do in Potawatomi. "N" is added for singular commands. "K" is added for plural commands.

Commands to one person:
Mikchewin - Work; Wawijgen - Read; Kikton - Talk; Jipteben - Sit down; Dadokmeben - Behave; Majin - Leave; Byan shote - Come here.

Commands to two or more people:
Mikchewik - Work; Wawijgek - Read; Kiktok - Talk; Jiptebek - Sit down; Dadokmebak - Behave; Majik - Leave; Byak shote - Come here.

Irregular Commands: Dokem - Be quiet (literally, be peaceful and used for both singular and plural instances); Kyenep - Hurry (used for both singular and plural instances); Mano - Leave that alone.

All of the verbs to this point behave the same way: Gin ashtek bodwen. - It's your turn build the fire; Zhechken gego - Do something; Binchegeen ode jo pi - Clean right now; Bzegwin - Stand up; Nibwen - Stand in place (many people

will use this for "Stand up," also); Giwen - Go home.

Plural Commands: Ginwa ashtek bod-wek. It's your turn to build the fire; Zhechkek gego - Do something; Binchegek ode jo pi - Clean right now; Bzegwik - Stand up; Nibwek - Stand in place; Giwek - Go home.

Singular Commands: Wisnen - eat; Bye wisnen - Come eat; Kogan - Get the heck out of here (stronger than majin); Zagech chikazon - Play outside; Bidgen - Enter; Bye bidgen - Come, come on in.

Plural Commands: Wisnek - Eat; Bye wisnek - Come, eat; Kogak - Get the heck out of here (stronger than majin); Zagech chikazok - Play outside; Bidgek - Enter; Bye bidgek - Come, come on in.

Other Command Forms: With different types of verbs, there are commands such as "Do something to her" or "Give something to me." These will be discussed in greater detail in later lessons.

With our basic AI, verbs these are the only forms which we have.



Shiree Randell was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Our mother, Shiree, was a wonderful mother and one of the most amazing women we have ever met. She raised three daughters, by herself, while she ran the family store. After we graduated she went back to college and earned a Bachelors in Psychology, she always loved helping people. Once she had grandchildren they became her passion. One morning, she collapsed, we found her unconscious, in her home. We waited and prayed for three days, when we got the unexpected news that she was brain dead. That's when LifeShare stepped in and told us that it was time for her to help someone else by being an organ donor. We had absolutely no idea what miracles our mother could perform even after she wasn't with us

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Potawatomi Cornerstone: DNA Testing for Tribal Membership

by Charles Clark, Director Tribal Rolls

The majority of enrollment applications that come through the Tribal Rolls office are approved pass with ease; a state-certified birth certificate with the names of the biological parents printed on the certificate accompanies the application. One of parents' names is that of a CPN member. This is the easiest method for determining descendancy for tribal membership eligibility purposes.

However, there are instances when this is not possible. These usually involve absence of the father's name on the birth certificate or adoptions.

In some cases, determining the biological parent who is a CPN member can be accomplished through court documents, i.e. adoption papers, child support documents that list the biological parent (usually the father), or an amended birth certificate.

When all else fails, DNA testing can be the last resort. I say the last resort because of the expense involved. Using DNA testing to determine membership eligibility has been rare, but the number of requests

for genetic testing is rising.

A DNA test is simple. Blood, cheek cells from inside the mouth, or cultured cells are used as samples. Enzymes are used to fragment the DNA strands, which are then placed in a gel matrix. An electrical current is passed through the samples to separate the fragments even more, with the smallest fragments moving the farthest.

The samples are then placed on a nylon membrane and probed to bind similar genetic patterns from unique segmented regions. The goal is finding characteristics shared by both parties. This area of segmented DNA is placed against a film and developed to reveal black bands where the probes bound to the DNA. This will reveal the genetic traits that belong half to the mother and half to the father. If there is a match, the test will show a 99.99% certainty.

DNA test results are much like a birth certificate. The name of the donors must be on the test results. There are two ways of collecting samples: a self-collecting kit that can be performed in the privacy of the person's home or collection at a doctor's

office or clinic. Samples collected outside a clinic or Doctor's office will not be accepted to determine tribal membership eligibility.

There are two ways the donors can have their results recorded: a low-cost test that does not name the donors on the test results and a legally admissible test that a court requires for proof of parentage and for tribal membership eligibility. This test requires a third-party witness to the collection of the samples and the identity of the donors recorded on the test results. This test, of course is more expensive but necessary if it is to be used for legal identification.

Tests vary in cost from a few hundred dollars to about \$1,500. If you live in Oklahoma, I recommend you contact the Indian clinic in Ada at 580-436-3419. You will need to tell the clinicians that the test is needed to test paternity for tribal membership eligibility. They will have you set up an appointment with Orchid Cellmark, the DNA testing lab in Ada. The test's cost is very reasonable, and the test complies with the parameters set forth by the CPN

constitution under Article 3, Section 1(e) if the donors' names are on the test results and the test yields a 99.99% genetic certainty of parentage.

For those who do not want to or cannot make the trip to Ada or live outside the state, there is the DDC, DNA Diagnostic Center in Fairfield, Ohio. This facility contracts with clinics and doctors' offices throughout the United States and in 168 other countries. The company does offer legal testing for Native Americans needing DNA confirmation for tribal membership eligibility. For more information on DDC, call toll-free at 800-613-5768 or visit their Web site at www.dnacenter.com. When I last spoke with them, the test cost less than \$400, and results took about three business days.

I recommend, however, that before you take a DNA test, you call my office. In the past, people have taken the least-costly test only to see the results rejected as membership eligibility evidence because their names were not on the test results. In addition, there might be alternatives that you have not thought of that I might be able to



Patrick Shannon for District #8

I feel that the representation of the Northwest deserves time and commitment from someone who can carry on the like-mindedness of my grandmother, Jacqueline Taylor.

I believe my background in public service would be beneficial to our district, advocating the welfare of our elders, investing in our future leaders through education, and honoring the history of our heritage.

The recent change in our government enables the chance for all of our voices to be heard. I would proudly serve my fellow members with an open ear and mind. Please vote Patrick Shannon for District 8.

For more information, please go to
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help with to determine eligibility.

On a final note, I want to stress that there are several Web sites that offer genetic testing to determine Native American ancestry. They will even send you a certificate that “proves” you have Native American ancestry. I have two problems with this.

Fifty to 75 years ago and depending on where one lived, it was not acceptable, possibly even dangerous to claim Native American ancestry. Today, there is a huge number of people who want to, think, and believe that they have Indian ancestry. It is surprising and disappointing to me just how many of these people think that DNA testing will not only determine if they have Native American ancestry, but also show which tribe they belong to and how much “Indian blood” they have.

Many Web sites claim they can provide that information. You might not like the results, but by that time, they have cashed your check. One man recently came up with the theory that there are four distinct genetic markers that can determine if a person’s ancestry is African, Native American, Asian, or European. In most cases, his results were inconclusive.

Ancestry backtracking can only be traced back through the mother, and only so far down the family tree. For example, if your fifth great-grandfather was Native American and his wife was of European descent, your DNA result would only show that European genetic marker.

The problem with this is the possibility that these tests, however ambiguous their results might be, could be used to challenge tribal rights and tribal governance. It is all-too-easy for some of these so-called testing services to influence people who

are more preoccupied with the thought that they might be Indian than taking the time to educate themselves on what DNA testing can and cannot do. The result can be an overwhelming number of people not only applying for tribal membership to just any tribe, but also demanding to challenge that Nation’s enrollment protocol.

Even the simplest, seemingly cut-and-dried membership applications coming to this office can take several months to complete and prepare for the CPN Legislature to vote on. Imagine, several hundred, even thousands of applications coming at once, with the potential of several hundred applicants wanting to challenge the Nation’s authority. This could bring the system to a halt, and the people who get hurt are those who are truly eligible for membership by direct descendancy.

As these genetic-testing companies profit from the hopeful, there is the potential for Indian nations to suffer not only the consequences that I have described, but put into jeopardy, the cost of these challenges to the tribal governments and the potential of having their tribal sovereignty undermined when individuals turn to DNA testing to overrule eligibility requirements and federal law that recognizes tribal status or tribal enrollment.

One such genetic testing lab implicates “validation” of unique genetic markers rather than “determining” eligibility. This play on words could put scientific testing above tribal sovereignty if the federal government agrees with the scientific process that lay claim to “validation.” In addition, if it comes to this, will tribes in the future be able to determine eligibility on their own as a sovereign Nation or will science and the government do that for us.

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ic work he tried to accomplish. The Chief led during a period of upheaval, and travelled to Washington, D.C. to negotiate treaties with the U.S. Government on behalf of his tribe. Those efforts ended up taking his life, when a returning stagecoach overturned and crushed him on the way back from one of these trips.

Though Wabaunsee County took the Chief’s name, and the county sits partially on the 1846 Potawatomi Reservation, Wabaunsee himself, never actually made it to Kansas. As it turned out, Wabaunsee County also faced great upheaval at its formation. Between 1854 and 1861, future Kansans engaged in a bloody conflict over the issue of slavery. Originally the county was named “Richardson” after a pro-slavery man. When abolitionist settlers in the area wanted to have their own courthouse, they also decided they needed a more appropriate name. They applied to be Wabaunsee in 1859 after the town. Though the boundaries of the county existed before, residents consider the year they took the name Wabaunsee to be their real anniversary.

Jon Boursaw, a recent candidate for the CPN Fourth District Representative seat, was also at the celebration. He is not a descendant of Wabaunsee but has always had a special interest in the chief. Boursaw’s fourth-generation great-grandfather, Joseph Napoleon Boursaw, rode with Wabaunsee during his diplomatic efforts in Washington, and wrote a book about Wabaunsee’s life. The book was set to be published in 1850, but didn’t make it to press. The family still has copies of the original manuscript.

Boursaw said he was glad Wabaunsee County decided to recognize their connection with the Potawatomi. “They are recognizing that Alma and most of Wabaunsee County were on the Potawatomi Reservation which was formed in 1846. Prior to that time, they were in Lynn County following the Trail of Death from Indiana,” said Boursaw. Boursaw said that, in honoring the descendants, the county was recognizing the many Potawatomis who still live in Kansas.



A young descendant of Chief Wabaunsee looks at the Wabaunsee County Courthouse.

As Wabaunsee’s fifth-generation grandson and namesake, James Potter, agreed that the recognition was a welcome honor. He spoke at the celebration to say thank you. Potter serves on the tribal council he says he tries to live up to the legacy of his great grandfather. “I’d like to think I’m making my misho proud by being a tribal leader,” said Potter. He said it is always fun to meet family members, and enjoyed the chance to get together with other Wabaunsee descendants. “We have a lot of family here, and all of us have the same blood coursing through our veins,” said Potter.

Adame says this kind of event is important because it teaches the youth about the part Native Americans played in history. “When Chief Wabaunsee was living his life, he was not trying to have his name put on a county. He was trying to be the best person that he could be for his family and for his tribe. I think our living on is a true testament to what he has done. That our hardships have never been forgotten,” said Adame.

Elizabeth Wabaunsee says attending the celebration was one way her children can learn to be proud of their heritage as Native Americans, for now, and the future. “We were here. We are still here, and there are more of us than ever,” said Wabaunsee.

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

Congratulations, Chairman Barrett, on your landslide victory. What a great vote of confidence! Congratulations also to Theresa Adame for her re-election in District #4. Eva Marie Carney, District #2, Bob Whistler, District #3, and I, District #1, were unopposed and re-elected for four-year terms.

My wife and I attended the Reunion Festival the last weekend of June, along with lots of other Slavins, Pearls, and Doyles. A great time was had by all. I was especially impressed by the many improvements to Raymond Peltier Park. There are two new pavilions north of the Reunion Roundhouse for food service and eating - what a nice, clean, sheltered environment.

There are more and improved campsites, each with electricity, water, and sewer hookups. And, the Nation is still adding more, along with new and improved tent campsites. Tim Zientek and his crew continue to do wonders, keeping the grounds picked up and clean. Thank you, Tim.

I was honored by a request to name one of the wisest members of the Slavin family, a man I have admired and respected for many years - Joe Slavin. I was also honored with a request to name one of the youngest of our family, my great-grandson. The naming ceremonies were held in the prayer circle on the Sharp place. It is truly a beautiful, serene place for these ceremonies, or just to go and pray.

Our hand game team "*Nenjen Chickaswen Wedasejek* (Hand Game Braves)," consisting of Stacy and Jerry Brauca, Donna and Orion Mckinley, Verna Brooks, Cody Felts, and Kim Rauzi, came in third after an exciting round of play. **WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!!**

Now we are getting ready for the Gathering of Nations at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's home reserve at Mayetta, Kansas. This, too, is a very spe-



cial event with the coming together of the many Potawatomi Nations. I have not seen an agenda but I know the CPN color guard will be represented in the grand entry. There is also a parade at Rossville, Kansas on Saturday of Gathering weekend, along with the Tall Corn Festival. The CPN color guard will be represented there, also.

I have been honored by a request to name the daughter and two granddaughters of one of my younger brothers, William 'Bill' Slavin. He has walked on. This very special ceremony will be held at the Rossville facility prayer circle on the morning of Saturday, August 8.

If you have not been receiving e-mails or mail about events or updates, it's because I do not have your contact information. If that is the case, please send me your e-mail address, telephone number, or mailing address so I can up date my files.

We are planing another Open House on Monday, September 14, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Migwetch

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District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens, I hope you were able to attend the second District #2 Open House, on Saturday, July 25. I gave a short talk and answered questions about the Festival, legislative happenings, the upcoming Gathering of Nations (August 6-8), citizen benefits, and whatever else was on people's minds. I was able to provide information beyond what I have space to share in this column. The open house was also a great opportunity to meet fellow Potawatomis and our families and get sage, sweet grass, cedar, and tobacco to take home. And, one lucky attendee won a Pendleton blanket.

The Family Reunion Festival was terrific. The work the Nation's employees put into the planning and execution is mind-boggling. Assuring the comfort and nutritional needs of thousands of us every day, with warm smiles and seemingly boundless energy is what's visible to the attendees. What's not is all the work that goes on ahead of time and behind the scenes - from construction of new pedestrian bridges to building two new pavilions, to planning countless activities for folks of all ages, to purchasing the copious amounts of food and drinks and items available in the gift shop, to cleaning the bathrooms and grounds and removing the trash seemingly all the time, all weekend long, etc. etc.

Because it's hidden from view, I'm sure I've left out much of it! All their efforts made the weekend highly enjoyable and lively. So, to those employees who may be reading this, thank you very much!

I tried to participate in as many of the Festival events as possible, with the idea of giving those of you who haven't been able to attend a Festival weekend a sense of the possibilities. I ate dinner Thursday night with many of the Legislators and their families in the Embers Steakhouse, which is part of the impressive Firelake Grand Casino and serves delicious food. (Some Legislative Committee business also got discussed as dinner wound down.)

On Friday, I spent a good part of the day at the Cultural Heritage Center. I searched out the photo of my uncle Jerry Wood, who served in the U.S. Army and now has his place on the Veterans' Wall of Honor in the Center's Long Room. Other highlights included talking with some of the very



knowledgeable staff and student volunteers about the displays, recent library acquisitions, and plans for change and expansion on receipt of a grant that the Legislature recently authorized the staff to apply for.

Many Potawatomis and their families were about, so I visited with many folks, and, like many of them, picked up some CPN memorabilia in the gift shop that adjoins the Museum. In the afternoon, I visited our National Bank's booth and got lots of information on mortgage loans and other products; I have various folks' business cards if you are interested. I opened a savings account at our bank at the branch located inside Firelake Discount Foods, which is just across the street from the CPN headquarters building and is a very nice store with great prices. You might want to consider trying the bank as well.

After we all ate dinner in the outdoor pavilions, I helped judge the Indian hand game on Friday night. That was a hoot, with 10 teams of seven, vying for prize money and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The Oklahoma Historical Society's Website describes the game better than I ever could, with the following: "In this difficult game of skill and chance, teams develop elaborate strategies based on probability and a kind of good-humored psychological warfare, seeking to mislead and confuse their opponents." See <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/entries/G/GA006.html> for more details, or just come next year and learn by

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doing!

Saturday morning began early, with the Fun Run organized by our Wellness Center. My sister-in-law, Nicole Carney, and I participated in the run and enjoyed the camaraderie and scenery, though not the early morning humidity! We also found the facility to be impressive and the Center staff to be very enthusiastic and supportive.

After the run, I helped judge the Indian fry bread competition; I did this last year, too, and was so happy to be invited back as the entries are always delicious (some are just more delicious than others). The competitors get up so early (it starts at 8 a.m.) and pour their hearts into their efforts.

On Saturday afternoon, I attended the Council Meeting, in the Heritage Center Long Room. I can't tell you how many Potawatomis were there but I'd venture to say at least a thousand. We heard presentations from the Executive and expected to hear the results of the election as polls had closed an hour before the meeting. However, that was put off because the Election Committee was still at work counting the votes.

Saturday evening, I had great prosciutto and melon at the San Remo's Italian restaurant, which is located above, and has a nice view of, the Firelake Golf Course. Then, I dressed for the traditional ceremonies and Grand Entry. By the time I arrived at the Dance Arena, the results of the elections had been announced, and I was able to find both Chairman Barrett and Theresa Adame to congratulate them on their respective victories.

Grand Entry was very stirring, with so many Potawatomis in regalia respecting and honoring our heritage, and the lead dancers and all the competition dancers were beautiful. For me, that evening was the trip's highlight.

Sunday began busily and ended quietly. The day started with a well-attended naming ceremony, during which Language Program Director Justin Neely sang and drummed and offered prayers in Potawatomi. Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Capps, Justin Neely, District #2 citizen Ralph Bazhaw, and I all had the honor of naming folks. Ralph, who travelled with many of his family from North Carolina and is a Bergeron, one of this Festival's honored families, named his daughter Lana and her son in a very moving way. I had the privilege of standing up for Lana as one of her sponsors, and I was

honored to name twin sisters from the Melott family, Lucille Kay Bishop, from Texas, and Lois Lee Williams, from Louisiana.

The next highlight was a non-denominational Sunday service in the Potawatomi church on our grounds, with inspiring readings, talks, and songs in a setting full of our history. After a final lunch in the outdoor pavilions, the Festival activities concluded for me, but Legislative activities were still ahead.

We met as a legislature on Monday morning, after certain of the committees met to discuss upcoming business. During our legislative meeting, we discussed and approved 16 resolutions. These ranged from approving moving forward with an application to put additional land into trust, to voting to extend the federal loan program for home purchases (Section 184) to CPN citizens in Texas, to applying for available federal grant funds to build more elder housing in Shawnee.

Our next meeting will take place at the end of the summer and will focus on budget matters. Please look for the date and time in the HowNiKan and in my e-mail briefings.

While I covered a lot of ground in Shawnee, there were so many things I didn't do that you might like to do if you come. Among them: I didn't get to the pool, didn't compete in archery or billiards, didn't enter the art contest, didn't watch the lacrosse team, and didn't attend the beadwork, language, and ribbon work classes. I regret that I didn't get around to visit with all of the honored families and that I didn't cross paths with some of the District #2 folks who attended. But there's next year and I hope to see you then!

A few last notes:

1. Sorry to be tiresome about this, but please, send me your contact details. I learned last week that there are more than 1800 folks over the age of 18 in our District, yet I have only 250 e-mail addresses. Please write to me with yours and, if you have their agreement to share them, with the e-mail addresses of other family members in District #2. That way everyone is included in upcoming mailings! I promise to use them only for CPN District #2 business.

2. Please visit my Website, www.evamariecarney.com. If you've been thinking about ordering eagle feathers, or naming your relatives, or getting reimbursement for your eyeglasses or hearing aid, you can

find the applications and instructions readily through links on the site. There is now a password-protected part of the site that includes some information on ceremonies. Please call or e-mail me for the password.

3. There is one election -- a run-off election -- remaining. It is for the Northwestern area, District #8, legislative position vacated with the passing of Jackie Taylor. Please encourage anyone you know in that District to vote. The two candidates are Dave Carney of Olympia, Washington and

Patrick Shannon of Missoula, Montana.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho Nikan,

It was great seeing so many of you at the Family Festival Reunion this year. We had many wonderful events, a number of you were in new regalia, and the Grand Entry was fantastic!

I had the pleasure of attending a ribbonwork class and the end of the beading class. So, I now have a little better grasp of how it is done. I hope to host a class or two this next year, in some kind of craft. I am looking for someone who is good in this area for District #3. If you are knowledgeable in either ribbonwork or beading, and would like to help out as an instructor, please let me know.

The percentage of voters this year was again very disappointing. A total of 2,534 of the 21,762 eligible voters used their right to vote this year. That is about 12% of the voters. Until just a few years ago, you had to go to Shawnee on Election Day to cast your vote. Our Constitution was changed to allow absentee voting, so those who could not make the trip would have the opportunity to be active in this process. We have made it very easy to vote. Hopefully, in the future, there will be more participation.

This month again, I want to remind you that the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring managers for their 2010 population count. It is imperative that you be sure to register your household as American Indian when the census-takers come to your door. Even if there are other ethnic groups in your family, claim only American Indian as the full household. If you list any other nationality besides your native heritage, you will not be counted as American Indian. The Department of Labor and Indian Health Services won't have you in the count as an American Indian, and less federal funds will be available for grants and other serv-



ices in the future.

If you would like to work for the U.S. Census Bureau, their starting pay is between \$10.00 and \$15.00 per hour. Give them a call. Their toll-free number for more information is 800-877-8229. Or, you can visit their Website at www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Moving on to another subject - Like many of you, I suspect, I get very concerned when our federal government makes changes that result in a negative impact on us. I am not a big TV fan, so I do not subscribe to a cable TV network. As you probably know, in June 2009, the television stations across America switched to a digital signal system. If you don't have a digital converter box for your analog TV set, one is now most likely needed.

I got two of the boxes, so I could continue to watch TV. However, I found that several of my local TV stations can no longer be viewed, or they transmit broken audio and fragmented visuals. I called the FCC help line and the other numbers pro-

vided for help with this issue - all initially to no avail! Their solution is to now go out and buy either a booster unit for the converter box or maybe a higher grade antenna or subscribe to a cable or satellite programming distributor and pay a monthly fee.

This is just not right! Especially for any of you on a fixed income or very limited income where you barely have enough to buy food, prescription drugs, or just to pay your bills. So, I called them again and became more insistent about a solution to the problem.

As a result of my calls, the FCC did send me a brochure on different approaches that can be taken. If you are having problems, give them a call and ask for

them to send you their publication, "DTV Made Easy 5 Simple Steps to Upgrade to Digital Television."

I hope this finds you well, and I hope you enjoyed your trip to Shawnee for this year's reunion. I also hope that you haven't had this same sad experience with your TV reception.

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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

I don't think it could have gotten any hotter in Oklahoma than it was for Family Reunion Festival. However, everything went great and everyone had a great time. I enjoyed the experience of attending with a cousin who was attending for the first time. The excitement of his first tribal council meeting, visiting the heritage center, and playing hand games was great. The heat might have slowed us down a little but it can't stop us

It was heart-warming circulating around the tables in the Reunion Roundhouse and being greeted with "I voted for you." I thank all of you for your vote. For those who have not heard, I was re-elected to a four-year term. The vote in our district was up a large percentage compared to the last election. We had approximately 140 vote last election and 228 combined votes this election. I am so glad more of you participated.

Soon the Gathering of Nations will be here, and it is a great opportunity for us in Kansas. There is no closer venue to attend this event for us than Mayetta, Kansas at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation. I am excited as this will be my first time to attend. We are also hoping to take a break that weekend and have a float in the Tall Corn Festival Parade in Rossville. Additionally, our color guard will be marching in this event.

Last but not least, we are organizing a



naming at the Navarre family reunion on Labor Day. If you are a Navarre family member and would like to make a request for a name, please contact me. We are hoping to make this an annual event. If your family would like to start this tradition, please let me know. I would be happy help get you started.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions about any of these events or any other matter at TAdame@Potawtomi.org or 785-584-8422.

Migwetch,
Theresa Adame
4th District Legislator

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello,

Once again, the Family Reunion Festival gets better every year. For those of you who saw first-hand, I know you will agree when I say it was "The Best." There were more little ones in the Grand Entry with their brand new regalia than ever, and they proudly danced with their parents. Their dancing was for the eight families being honored this year. (Keep watch so you will know when your family is being honored.)

The veterans always enter first with the flags. There were men and women being represented for their contribution to the continuing service to our United States of America. You would be so proud of the Veterans Honor Wall in the Cultural Heritage Center. There are pictures and stories of the Citizen Potawatomi people and their contributions during the wars of past and present.

The FireLake Giftshop was full of beautiful things made by our people. The food and water were plentiful.

Now, if I mention heat, that will not mean a thing to those of us in the Southwest. However, it was a little **WARM**.

Some people chose RV-style housing during their stay while others brought their tents. Personally, I prefer a bed and shower when I travel. I think that is age.

Interestingly, the Fourth of July follows in the next week because the Festival is always held the last week in June. This is our country's birthday, my birthday, and the birthday for many others. It represents our independence and the beginning of freedom.

As I understand it, we received our name as the 'Citizen' Potawatomi Nation because we were the first Tribe here in the USA that accepted American citizenship en masse, a full half-century before the remainder of American Indians was granted their citizenship. It was a new begin-



ning for our Nation.

I have watched for more than 10 years as the additions, improvements, growth, and commitment have made their way while, at the same time, we as Citizen Potawatomis held onto the traditions of our fathers.

Naming ceremonies occurred again at the Sharp House pond area. You must plan months ahead. There is a lot involved in choosing the right Potawatomi name for you. You can also hold the naming ceremony yourself -- if you have already been named -- or you can ask your District Representative to perform your naming.

You can be proud of our leadership, re-elected Chairman John Barrett, along with Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer D Wayne Trousdale, the legislators, committee chairmen, directors, administrators, and general managers who work hard for you.

Take the time to see it all for yourself next year, if you were unable to in 2009.

In the meantime, please keep me posted on any additions or changes in your world. Call, e-mail, or write with your questions, answers, and ideas or just to say hello. I would love to hear from each and every one of you. Take care and God Bless.

Gene Lambert

Legislator, District #5

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District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

The Heritage Festival 2009 goes in the books as one of the hottest I've ever experienced. A couple of years ago, we had the wettest festival anyone can remember. Now I'm not talking 'rain' here folks I'm talking frog-strangler, creek-over-its-banks rain. You literally could not see from one reunion hall to the other, but we survived.

We, as a people, will always survive! We have for hundreds of years, and we will continue to do so because of who we are. We are Potawatomi.

The exact meaning of the word Potawatomi is not known, but most sources translate it as "People of the Place of the Fire." Potawatomi call themselves in their own language, nIshnabe'k, which simply means, 'The People.' The word is part of our Great Seal and reminds us daily of who and what we are.

I would like to congratulate the winners in their respective races and wish the best for the candidates who still face a run-off election. Because most of the candidates were incumbents and were returned to office, the make-up of the legislature will change very little.

While being pleased with the total voter turnout, we can do better. The total vote count was approximately 2500 - roughly 10% of the tribal enrollment. The people elected today are the ones who will help forge our tribe's future. Talk to your legislators; let us know what you think. We need to hear from you, the tribal members, so that we can assist you. Get in touch with



us via e-mail or phone so that we can gather your contact information and reach out in a more personal way to keep you informed of events and changes at the CPN.

Our Chairman made it very clear at the Tribal Council Meeting that it is important for all tribal members to become more involved in the workings of the tribe, and I couldn't agree with him more.

After all, we are nIshnabe'k.
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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

Not Raining Yet

I am proud that our Potawatomi Nation does not run its business and budget like our protector nation. One of the primary duties of a tribal Representative is to insure that the tribe's books are sound; ours are! We are a great, as well as a fiscally strong, nation.

If ever, the tribe's economic status degenerates, it will be past time to elect new leadership, beginning with our legislature. My fellow Representatives and I are dedicated to keeping our nation's economy in the black; it is.

Unlike our reckless federal government,

Oklahoma's constitution requires a balanced budget! We accomplished this responsibly as we also protected the Rainy Day Fund for a future, bonafide emergency! Tribes, too, should have Rainy Day Funds!

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 45 states face budget shortfalls for fiscal year 2010. At least 16 states project multi-billion dollar budget deficits. California's projected budget gap is 25.9 billion dollars (old data) and New York's is 13.7 billion dollars (old data).

The total state budget gaps are 43 billion dollars, an expanding figure. We do

not have data for several states. It defies rational thought that citizens of these deficit states continue to elect irresponsible legislators. Surely, tribes would not do so.

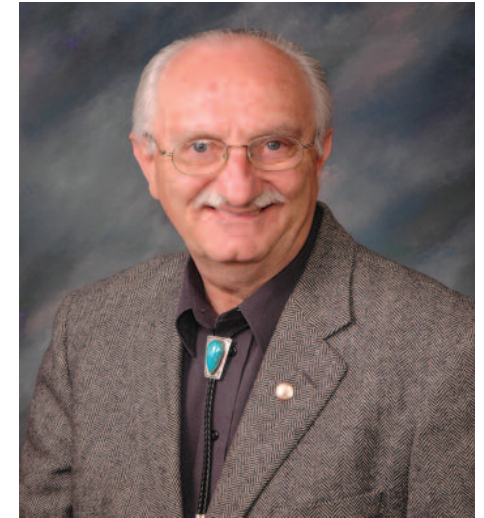
States used to have three actions they could take during a fiscal crisis: they could reduce the size of government and its expenditures; they could raise taxes; or they could draw down their Rainy Day Fund, if they were prudent enough to have one.

Well, guess what? States have discovered a fourth means to balance their budgets - go to the federal government for help. That's us, folks! That's right; some states are urging Uncle Sam to bail them out from their imprudent ways.

This raises an important political science question: Is the federal government going to bail out (non-government) General Motors, and allow California and other states to go down the tubes? The answer is, "No." Do you remember when we bailed out New York City?

Our hard-earned tax dollars will probably rescue states that refused to limit government spending. Most states cannot find the courage to limit their government or raise taxes within the state in order to bridge their budget gaps. Then again, why should they?

Why should New Jersey, with a 4-billion dollar budget gap, curtail government services and its good life when we can pay for their big-spending ways? Think about it! Why should the Garden State directly tax its people when it can indirectly tax Oklahomans?!



I argue that before Congress grants our tax money to irresponsible states, those states first must scale back their bloated government and/or raise their own taxes to minimize the U.S. bailout. Is that asking too much?

I am proud that, since 2004, led by the House of Representatives, the Oklahoma legislature has reduced high taxes, responsibly balanced the budget, and added to (not taken from) the emergency Rainy Day Fund.

Tribal leadership should take a lesson from the various states and from those elected federally. Actually, we must be a model to them on how to run an efficient government. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will have another great year, can't promise that for the United States.

Citizens, it's sprinkling now; but the national and state economic forecast for the next fiscal year might bring a down-pour, hail, maybe a gully-washer!

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

For all of you guys who attended the festival this year, wasn't it HOT! We all had a good time, though. Hope to see more of you next year.

Don't let my picture fool you. The heat wasn't kind to me this festival and I started to realize that this isn't the only thing to blame. I've put on more pounds and just cutting back isn't cutting it. Who am I kidding? Food is great! I've got to do more than just think about it and put some legs to my thinking. So I decided to research to see how we can be more successful as we try to become healthier.

With the economy in distress and med-

ical expenses edging higher, more people are turning to nutritionists for help with everything from making healthy meals for less to shedding pounds and treating diabetes. Native Americans are at a high risk for developing diabetes.

Regardless of your goal, it's important to find someone with the right credentials: CCNs (certified clinical nutritionists) or someone with an advanced degree in nutrition are solid choices. What to avoid - someone calling himself a nutritionist and doing hypnotherapy. Run fast in the other direction.

Americans are certainly taking their vitamins these days. But are they worth it?

For most people, vitamins are consumed to compensate for deficiencies in their diet. Government-funded research has repeatedly found, for example, that multivitamins don't protect against heart disease or cancer; by contrast, people whose diets are rich in fruits and vegetables showed lower rates of both. Be wary of nutritionists who emphasize pills over food.

When people are stressed, they secrete the hormone cortisol, which sparks a craving for sweets and other comfort foods. A word to the wise, don't keep tempting foods around. Almost two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Losing weight is one thing, but only 3 to 5 percent of overweight people can keep 20 to 100 pounds off over a five-year period.

And, when it comes to fighting obesity, environment isn't the only challenge. Eating can be addictive, and certain foods can "hijack the brain in a similar fashion to drugs and alcohol," an expert says.

With all the varying information out there on nutrition, body-mass index, glycemic index, food pyramid, and so forth, many consumers don't know where to begin on the path to healthy eating. Keep a food diary that details what you eat from day to day; this information will provide a starting point for introducing small, educated changes to your diet. And, it saves a lot of time spent on trial and error.

Looking for a quick fix for your unhealthy diet? People in the U.S. health care system are used to walking into a doctor's office and leaving with a prescription to treat their symptoms. We have to realize that we are going to have to work hard if we expect to see any lasting results. First, we need to go back to preparing good healthy meals in the home and stay away from fast foods.

It's no secret that physical inactivity is a



major flaw in our lifestyle. It is recommended that we get at least 150 minutes of moderate activity per week. No amount of nutritional counseling can "will" away calories without the help of exercise.

Through the Potawatomi Nation Clinic and Wellness Center, we have programs in force under the direction of Cindy Peltier for diabetes, which are currently serving approximately 600 Native Americans.

Five resolutions that were sponsored by the CPN Legislature's Health and Human Services committee, on which I serve, were sent to the legislature session the Monday after Festival, and were approved. One of those five will continue the Special Diabetes Program for Fiscal Year 2010.

Also, our Nutrition Center, under the direction of Melissa Schoeling, has programs available after patients have been referred by their doctor. These programs are coupled with diet and exercise at our Health and Wellness Center.

Megwetch,
David Barrett/Mnedobe
Legislature, District #10

Grand Entry. I was thrilled by all the little ones running around and dancing in full regalia.

The naming ceremony on Sunday morning touched my heart as I watched an old friend receive his name and a mother and son walk this rite of passage together. For me, Festival this year was all about making family connections, renewing friendships, and standing in awe at our culture in motion.

For those of you who have already begun planning for next year, I was asked by James and Janet Littlecrow to share their Website address with tribal members in need of dance items and custom regalia for the entire family. It is www.LittlecrowTradingPost.com. The Website has several woodland patterns indicative of the Potawatomi. They are also careful not to mass-produce designs.

Highlights of resolutions passed out of the Natural Resources Committee and enacted through legislation during our May session:

Federal Grants and Contacts (relating to Natural Resources)

- Approval to submit a Tribal Air Pollution Control Program grant proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency for a new tribal air quality program for air resources planning and baseline air quality monitoring – Proposed \$75,244.00

- Approval to submit a Transportation Improvement Plan amendment to include shovel-ready projects eligible for Recovery Act (ARRA) funding. These funds will come down through our Public Law 93-638 compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program – Formula amount \$2,700,000.00 (based on miles of reservation roads on the BIA approved tribal road inventory, number of trust acres, and number of tribal members accessing IRR roads within our historic reservation boundaries)

- Approval to submit a Tribal Transit grant proposal to the U. S. Department of Transportation for tribal transit system improvements: 1) on-demand local transportation to and from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic; 2) on-demand transportation of local Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic patients to and from their out-of-town medical appointments; 3) expansion of transportation services to McLoud, Oklahoma (north of I-40 and the Grand Casino) and 4) fixed



routes to include elder day care and other nutrition services sites and general transportation for the local community – Proposed \$271,320.00

- Approval to submit an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) proposal to install a geothermal system in the Tribal Youth Center as well as purchase a foam insulation system for 20 new housing units and to re-roof the 22,000 square foot Tribal Programs building on Hardesty Road – Proposed \$472,700.00

- Approval to submit a Department of Interior, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development contract to provide administrative services for special projects of the P.L. 102-477 Tribal Workgroup. The Nation's Employment and Training Department already represents national Indian Country issues by chairing the federal/tribal committee. The federal program officer has asked our Nation to contract for exclusive facilitation of native workforce development including skilled-trade training, employment case management training, and Webcasting of trainings – Proposed contract \$3,000,000.00

****This is an honor for our Nation and is an example of the culmination of years of professionalism and hard work by tribal member Margaret Zientek and E&T Director Carol Clay-Levi. For the federal government and participating tribes to support our management of training and special projects on a nation-wide basis is outstanding testimony to our staff and program integrity as well as our fiscal soundness.*

Fee-to-Trust Progress

The Nation won a major battle in May

District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Your vote counted!

This election proves that tribal members are indeed in the driver's seat of our Nation. I am energized knowing that we retain our proven leadership and can persist toward progress and the ultimate goal of self-determination.

I had fun meeting new tribal members and learning about their thrilling careers and educational pursuits. I am proud that our youth council (Potawatomi Leadership

Program interns) attended our entire legislative session on Monday. Their excitement over all things Potawatomi was evident.

Over the Reunion Festival weekend, I was able to spend some quality time catching up with old friends. I also toured the spring house at Sacred Heart on Friday, watched the hand games Friday night, attended General Council on Saturday afternoon, and danced with my son in

when the Department of the Interior closed on Hardesty Road and Highway 177 and converted fee-simple title of the land to trust. This little piece of land is just over an acre but is strategically located on a major intersection on the reservation. Over the last 12 months, we have placed approximately 800 acres into trust. We have another five (5) fee-to-trust applications in their final 60-day public notification period. In less than 2 months, the Nation will add 439 acres to its trust base and/or reservation. This will encompass mostly farmland and one key corner lot on Gordon Cooper Drive, also a busy intersection on the reservation.

****This progress is possible thanks to the diligent efforts of Real Estate Services, Environmental Services, and the Office of Self-Governance. I might add that our Nation is currently the only tribe in Oklahoma that has a working system where these applications are going through.*

Local Donation

I am equally proud to mention that we passed a bill I authored to donate \$10,000 to Saving Pets At Risk (SPAR), a local (Shawnee-area) charitable organization that tackles pet overpopulation and provides animal adoption services (www.spar-shawnee.org). Pet overpopulation is a community problem in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. Some would say that it ranks far below the county's methamphetamine problem, but it is still a very real problem that many tribal members can relate to.

Several of our people live outside of city limits and do not have access to ani-

mal control services. As a result, tribal members cannot rely on city shelters to euthanize these abandoned animals, so they usually overpopulate and run in packs. A pack of hungry dogs can be very dangerous to people and livestock. As tribal members receive services to surgically alter one or two stray animals, it reduces local pet overpopulation and makes our communities safer.

Our Nation has worked with SPAR since 2007 to provide this much-needed service to our tribal members. Vice Chairman Capps has supported this initiative since it was first proposed by Karri Barrett. SPAR coordinates the surgical services between tribal members and local vets. The donation is then used by SPAR to pay the vet for the surgical expenses so our members do not have to be out-of-pocket for taking responsibility for these animals. Many of these animals become family pets.

The bill was written for the Nation's central service area in Oklahoma since local tribal members have demonstrated a strong need for this program. However, if a tribal member has an immediate need for this service, please write me or the CPN legislator who represents your district to see how the Nation can assist you. More details will be provided in our next issue.

Thanks to all the members and their families for making the trip to Shawnee and to all the employees for making the weekend so enjoyable.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
LisaLKraft@Potawatomi.org
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District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan,

Well the festival is now over for another year. What a great time it was! It was lots of fun seeing all of you who came. With each year, we get more and more people who regularly attend. That is what we hope for - a time each year when we can all come together as one family, one nation, and fellowship together.

While I'm at it, weren't the new pavilions a blessing? With the misting systems in place, they just about tripled the area of covered cool zones. They will pay dividends for years. As it stands right now, we will be hosting the Potawatomi Gathering of Nations next year. The pavilions will be a welcome sight for our Potawatomi rela-

tives from up north, who don't have to deal with these weather patterns as often as we do. For all of you who came up and thanked us for the festival, let me say, "Thank you for coming."

It appears summer has made its way to Oklahoma. We're running in and out of triple digit temperatures each day. Being the highly educated person that I am, I've managed to schedule myself outside work. I've been repainting the exterior of my house. This consists of scraping, sanding, priming, and painting - all in the wonderful hot, dry weather. I'll be ready to go back to work in August, if for no other reason than to get a break.

I was sitting under the pavilion during

Festival, talking with some of the tribe's elders. As usual, I managed to walk away with sound directions. What I want to mention is that while I was talking to these wise elders, one called on a young family member. This elder asked his grandson if he had voted yet. The young man responded that he had not and said that he didn't think he needed to vote. The elder then said, "These people work all year for you. The least you can do is go vote one time each year." There is lots of wisdom in that statement.

I think back to when I was younger. Every year, we would come together in the old general council system. Each year, the potential was that we would have a new business committee. This would lead to a new agenda and new direction for tribal programs. Also, it usually meant that whatever previous committees started fell to the wayside. It's no wonder we had problems progressing. I am thankful for all the elders who suffered through those times and who kept coming back in hopes of a brighter future. Thanks to them and our current

District #13 - Bobbie Bowden

Bozho Nikan (Hello my friend),

First, I would like to thank all of the incredible employees of the Nation for their hard work on this year's Festival. Even under the extreme pressure and temperatures, every staff member was willing to help with enthusiasm and a smile. That says so much about the integrity and "Job Pride" of the Nation's employees.

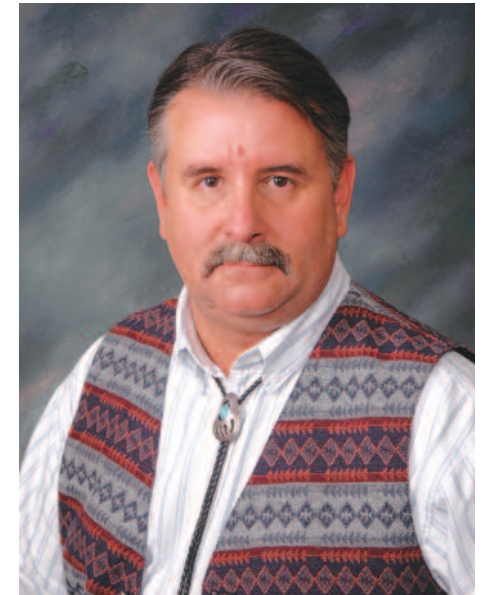
I think my daughter would have stayed in the arts and crafts area for the full three days, if allowed! (We did not mind it in there; it gave us a little escape from the heat!)

The suggestion came up to move the date of the festival to another time of year to avoid the scorching temperatures. If you have suggestions, please feel free to e-mail me. I will be certain to pass them along.

Second, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Chairman. I am very honored to serve under his and our Vice Chairman, Linda Capps', leadership. In addition, I look forward to continue to learning from them for the duration of my service to the tribe.

Thank you to all of you who voted in this year's election.

Third, I have been contacted by a few members of the Trombla family, and am



leadership, we have made it past those times into a more stable form of government.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of any service to you. As always, it's a pleasure and an honor to serve our great nation.

Paul Schmidlkofer



trying to gather information on our family's history. If you are a descendant of the Trombla, family please contact me at the e-mail address below. I would love to hear from you or receive any pieces of history you might have on our relations.

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

Megwetch,
 Bobbie Bowden
 Legislator, District #2
 E-mail: BBowden@Potawatomi.org

Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer! We have had a great time in our family with the extra time with the kids at home and on vacations. The hard part is when you come back to work and have to play "catch up." Reality is that soon school will start and all of us will have to get into the daily routine of getting the kids up early and helping with homework.

If you did not get to come to the Festival this year, you missed a great experience. The weather was great but not as great as the food and games. It is hard for me to describe the pride that I feel during Grand Entry - seeing all our people practicing what so many elders before us have practiced for so long. I truly believe that we are growing in our old traditions so much every year. The regalia and dancing just keeps getting better.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our staff and employees for making our Festival so special for us. Our people do so much work before, during, and after Festival to make it so easy for us to enjoy our time together. We do have the best people at our Nation!

Thank you to all the people who voted in the election this year. I strongly believe that this is one of the rights that we have as a sovereign nation that must be exercised. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the General Council meeting. This is a good time to be briefed on what is going on at the Nation.

We are beginning to finalize the budget for FY 2010. It seems as though we just barely finished last year's budget. We continue to try to maximize the return on our assets so that we can continue to offer more and better benefits to our people. CPN members are so important to us, and

One of Chairman John Barrett's campaign billboards (right) has been amended to express his deep thanks for CPN voters' confidence in his vision and leadership.

In the election on June 27, Chairman Barrett outpolled two opponents in landslide fashion - 2001 votes for the Chairman to 321 for Jeremy Finch and 212 for Diana Brasfield. That was 78.97 percent for the Chairman to just 12.67 percent for Finch and a mere 8.37 percent for Brasfield.

The election win means that Chairman Barrett will continue to pursue his hopes, dreams, and vision for the Nation for the next four years, working to bring them to fruition.



we strive to do all we can to help them, whatever their needs.

Please continue to send me your thoughts and comments on how to better serve our people. If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation, please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Megwetch,

D. Wayne Trousdale/*NETEMGIWSE*
Secretary/Treasurer



Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to all who made the 2009 Citizen Potawatomi Nation Festival a huge success! This includes the tribal members who attended, the Nation's employees who worked diligently to insure that the events ran smoothly, and the Legislators who evaluated the whole process for future implementation and continued improvement.

I especially want to congratulate Chairman Barrett for the landslide victory in his re-election. His successful bid in the election is the best insurance for our Nation to continue on a path of progress and growth. There are many projects, programs, and services to grow during the next four years. We are blessed to have Chairman Barrett remain at the helm of leadership so that we can enjoy the fruits of his labor and the grandeur of his vision.

For those tribal members who did not get to attend the festival, please feel free to come by the Nation to visit the grounds and the facilities. A youth center at the southwest corner of FireLake Discount Foods is presently under construction. By this time next year, we will once again enjoy a bowling alley and other attractions for youths and families.

Next summer, our tribal members will also find an improved RV park with additional RV spaces. As more and more tribal members and their families attend the fes-



tival (and almost 5,000 participants registered this year), we have to be proactive in meeting their needs. One of my dreams is for the Nation to eventually build a baseball/softball complex to host spring, summer, and fall events. Perhaps this, too, can happen under the leadership of Chairman Barrett.

As always, I cherish the opportunity to serve you as the Vice Chairman of this great Nation. May you and your family members experience a great 2009 summer!

Megwetch,
Linda Capps

Vote for John "Rocky" Barrett

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Chairman

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These are but a few of the many moments of happiness that made Family Reunion Festival 2009 the best ever. We'll present many, many more in the next HowNiKan edition.

In these photos: 1) Joe David Melot listens intently at the CPN Veterans Organization meeting. 2) Victor Cope lines up a shot in the pool tournament. 3) Ralph Bazhaw sits for a Tribal Heritage Project interview.

4) Yet again, Grand Entry for the pow wow dance provides a Festival highlight. 5) Vice Chairman Linda Capps poses with Opal Sullivan after presenting her a shawl. 6) PLP Class of '09 members (from left, Caleb VanVacter, Ashley Barshaw, Kayla Schannaeur, Cassie Castenada, Mikel Doyle, and Bill Hobia) prepare for the Hand Games experience.

7) The golf tournament showed off the new Champion Bermuda greens at FireLake Golf Course. 8) Vice Chairman Capps and Chairman John Barrett lead the Grand Entry. And, 9) competition in the volleyball tournament that concluded Festival was intense at times.

The HowNiKan photography team at Festival 2009 included Michael Dodson, Nathan McKay, Charles Meloy, Gus Porter, Jennifer Randell, Dane Smart, Bree Dunham, Meredith Everett, Jay Pollard, Jason Brittain, Liza Arceta, Chandra Taylor, and Austin Burnett. Enjoy much more of their work in the upcoming HowNiKan.

Flud pens *Joseph Silver Wolf*



CPN member Mary Flud

Dreams do come true. Proof can be found in the recently published novel by Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Mary Clark Flud, titled **Joseph Silver Wolf**.

Flud is a long-time resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. She has spent her adult years studying and teaching aspects of the ancient wisdom of American Indian tribal cultures. She lives an everyday philosophy that is centered on listening to the earth and allowing its teachings to guide her.

"There is an unlimited and deep wisdom in the way American Indians lived as part of the Earth. They chose to be balanced, connected, and guided by so many important aspects that we take for granted in our modern societies," Flud said. "When we pay attention to direction, changing seasons, or the elements and animals that surround us, we gain a special awareness of living on and with our Earth. With this awareness, we become a part of our home, the earth, not just trespassers."

The story of *Joseph Silver Wolf* is one of love, trust, and faith. It relays many of Mary's deepest understandings about the searching each of us goes through to discover who we really are in this lifetime. It is a beautiful story of the faith and commitment required to follow our personal destiny through both loss and triumph.

The book, **Joseph Silver Wolf**, reminds us that sometimes we have to put our faith in something unseen, indefinable, and unknown to us in order to accomplish the final goal of becoming the very best of ourselves.

"I've learned many lessons in my life coming from disappointment, illness, and

family loss, as well as lessons of success and fulfillment, both in my personal and professional life," Flud explained. "One of my greatest lessons came from the loss of my beloved parents within three days of each other in 2005. I thought I would never be able to stand up straight; the burden of my grief for them was so heavy."

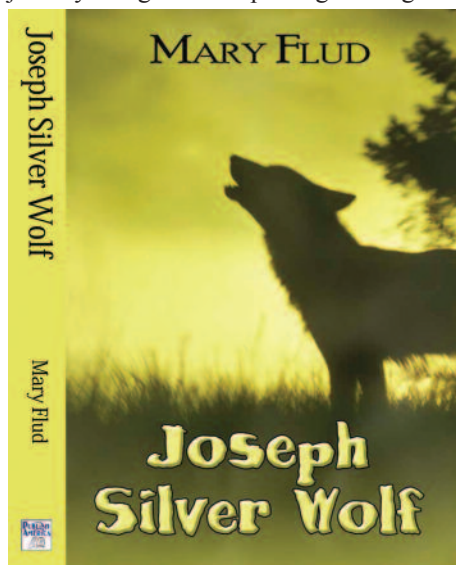
Flud says that she had her sister, Kathy, and her friends rallied around her, giving her the support to carry her forward when she didn't have the strength to do it herself. Flud added: "Then, one day, I heard my mother's voice. I heard her say, 'You are alright, everything is OK. Just take a nap.'"

That, according to Flud, had been her mother's solution for anything that was bothering someone. In that moment, Mary Flud relates, she took a deep cleansing breathe and felt her grief begin to fall away. "I remembered my own teaching, that grief is the reflection of love. When you love big, you grieve big!" she said.

A few weeks after that, Flud found the first half of her book, **Joseph Silver Wolf**, which she had written more than 19 years previously, in the drawer of her desk. She sat down and read it, then immediately began to write out the remainder of the story. Three months later, it was published.

Joseph Silver Wolf is available for purchase on Amazon.com and all other online book sites. The second book in this series will be titled *The Blanket Lodge*. This book will be released in the Fall of 2010.

You can contact Mary Flud through e-mail at sprkoflite@aol.com or visit www.sparkoflightcenter.com to order a signed copy of her book or see her original jewelry designs with uplifting messages.



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Bob Trousdale among honorees

GCTC Hall of Fame inductees kept students first



Rep. Shane Jett, left, reads a proclamation honoring CPN member Bob Trousdale's induction into the Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of Fame.

Gordon Cooper Technology Center Hall of Fame inductees former school board member Bob Trousdale, a CPN member, and former Superintendent Beth Little kept the best interests of students first in their decisions and policymaking every day.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Vice Chairman Linda Capps outlined the numerous accomplishments of former GCTC school board member Bob Trousdale. The Tecumseh businessman, tribal administrator, and community leader worked to open the doors of opportunity for students from all walks of life during the decade he served on the school board. Bob Trousdale was instrumental in formation of the GCTC Education Foundation, worked to make the GCTC Early Care and Education center one of the best in the state, and helped expand opportunities for practical nursing classes in the evenings.

Oklahoma Department of CareerTech Chief of Staff Bruce DeMuth told the large gathering Thursday night that Mrs. Little became superintendent of GCTC during a very difficult time marked by internal dissension. During her tenure she stabilized the school and enhanced the technology center's performance and reputation. She expanded the school's aviation maintenance

campus and helped form the Tinker AFB Education Partnership. She also supervised construction of the Shawnee One-Stop Career Center that led to a national Magna Award for the school for innovation in workforce development.

Mrs. Little served the school in a variety of capacities during her 21 years at GCTC.

Rep. Shane Jett of Tecumseh presented legislative proclamations honoring both inductees and talked about his own experiences as a GCTC student.

Memories of adversity he overcame motivated GCTC Hall of Fame honoree Bob Trousdale to look for ways to help others find their place in the world. One important way Trousdale inspired, encouraged and opened doors of opportunity for others was through his service on the Gordon Cooper Technology Center school board. Bob Trousdale served on the Gordon Cooper school board from Feb. 1998 to March 2008.

Trousdale overcame adversity to build a successful private business over the past 35 years. He has also served in an administrative capacity for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation since 1995 and is currently director of the Nation's Job Pride program.

While serving on the GCTC board, Trousdale was an advocate for students of all backgrounds and circumstances. His leadership was instrumental in implementing performance-based employee incentives, emphasis on achieving state Gold Star School goals, and expansion of school facilities.

He has also worked to increase enrollment slots available for the school's Practical Nursing division by adding evening classes. An evening paramedic program was also added. Trousdale was also instrumental in establishment of a Gordon Cooper Technology Center Foundation. The emphasis of the Foundation is to help adult students with financial needs so they can finish training.

Throughout his tenure as a Gordon Cooper Technology Center Board of Education member, Bob Trousdale built lasting relationships and opened doors of opportunity for people.

Last year's GCTC Hall of Fame honorees were long-time school board member James Hargrove of Prague and former GCTC assistant superintendent and veteran retired educator Glenn Coursey.

The original honorees were founding GCTC Board of Education President Bill Weaver and founding Superintendent Dr. John C. Bruton, both of Shawnee.



CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Bob Trousdale are all smiles after she presented Trousdale his GCTC Hall of Fame plaque.

Russell's high school days recalled by coach, sportswriter



John Russell in his NHS days by Berry Tramel, Oklahoman Staff Writer (Three of the 30 Major League Baseball managers are Oklahoma natives: CPN member John Russell of Norman and the Pittsburgh Pirates, Ron Gardenhire of Okmulgee and the Minnesota Twins, and A.J. Hinch of Midwest City and the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Oklahoman newspaper recently presented recollections of Russell, Gardenhire, and Hinch by their high school coaches and others. These are Oklahoman sportswriter Berry Tramel's and Norman High School baseball coach Terry Fischer's memories of Russell.)

John Russell struck me out three times in a Pony League baseball game in 1975. But, that's only because that's how many times I batted. John was playing a different game than the rest of us. You always think the dominant athlete in your hometown is headed for the pros. I played fifth-grade football with Chuck Ehin, who then moved to Utah and eventually played five years with the San Diego Chargers. I played junior high basketball with Bo Overton, a three-year starting point guard on Billy Tubbs' early OU basketball teams.

But no one awed us like John. Some of that was personality. He grew up on the

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1. Ronald Brandon of Sonora, CA, with son Jaron, visited with tribal leaders about the Health Aid program. Ronald is a descendant of the Vieux family.

2. Three handsome children smile for the camera. They are (left to right) Maile Harty, Jack Harty, and David Harty. Tom Harty, father of Maile and Jack, accompanied the children. The Hartys are descendants of the Slavin family.

3. Brothers Gary and Keith Melot stand in the hallway with Gary's sons Daniel and Jake. Gary's and Keith's dad, Ullie Melot, lives in Shawnee, OK. They are all descendants of Joseph Melot.

4 and 5. Mike Neves of Stockton, CA shows his upgraded Potawatomi tattoo from three years ago. His grandmother requested that his handsome face also be shown. Mike is a descendant of the Curly/Wolfe families.

6. Chairman John Barrett presents Wilma Nadine Smith with a Pendleton blanket for being the eldest enrolled tribal member in attendance. Nadine who lives in Stockton is a descendant of the Rhodd family.

7. The youngest enrolled tribal member present was Jake Melot, son of Gary Melot of Oakley, CA.

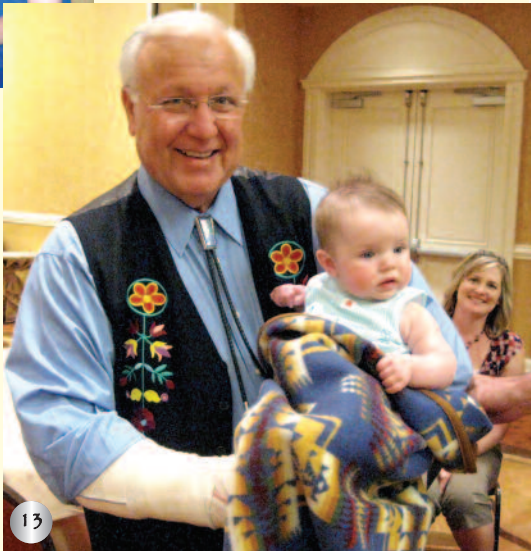
8. Shannon Berzoza traveled from Bethpage, Tennessee which was the longest distance. She received a travel bag from Chairman Barrett. Shannon is a descendant of the Frank Willmette family.

9. Thom Finks, Citizen Potawatomi Nation District #7 Legislator from Auburn, CA. shares information with Katy Bowman.

10. Descendants of the Tescier family: (left to right) brothers, Terry, Bobby, and Rande Payne with their sisters, Karen Payne Walker and Sharon Payne Welch. A bridge on the original Tescier allotment land near Choctaw, OK is being named in honor of the Tescier family which was a topic of discussion for the Payne family members.

11. Mary Jo and Charlie Sheppard of San Jose, CA stop to have their picture taken. Mary is a descendant of the Spalding, Vieux, and Melot families.

Tribal Area Gathering - Anah





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bers) who are veterans of World War II. I've seen two of my buddies since I've been back and we might run into some old buddies up there. I imagine lots of tears will be shed there, too."

Barnes, who now lives in Tecumseh with his wife Pauline, said his son-in-law first told him of the free flight and immediately, he knew it was something he wanted to do and to make available for fellow veterans in the county.

Honor Flight founder Earl Morse added, "Another category of veterans we are equally concerned for are **ALL** those who served in uniform, that were recently diagnosed with a terminal illness. It is our mission to transport these veterans if they have never been able to visit the various national memorials constructed to honor the service and sacrifice of their brothers and sisters in arms."

If you or someone you know meets this criteria, please contact James McLaughlin, Honor Flight chairman of the board, at 614-237-3086 or 614-558-6220 or e-mail him at eagle@honor-flight.org.

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After long wait, Nottawaseppi casino opens

by Justin A. Hinkley, *The Enquirer*

While executives prepared for a ribbon-cutting photo op on August 5, 2009, a crowd of about 250 people packed together beneath FireKeepers Casino's iron eagle portico. As the executives smiled and cameras flashed, the crowd shouted, "Let's gamble!"

Then the ribbon fell and confetti streamers erupted from both flanks and more than a decade of communitywide anticipation was finally met. FireKeepers Casino, in Emmett Township, Michigan, was open to the public.

The \$300 million, 236,000-square-foot, 2,680-slot-machine facility is owned by the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi. The Nottawaseppi Band began its long road to opening with a 1998 compact between Michigan and the tribe. It came out on the good end of an eight-year legal challenge from casino opponents and worked frantically through 18 months of construction to get to August 5. "We're happy to see it open on time, under budget and without injury," said Laura Spurr, chairwoman of the Potawatomis' Tribal Council.

Outside of tribal circles, local govern-

ments and residents over the past decade have been researching potential impacts and planning how to deal with those.

Guests were greeted with glamour and glitz a la Las Vegas. What casino officials called the most sophisticated lighting scheme a tribal casino has ever seen bounced fluorescents in synchronized patterns throughout the room, helping illustrate a theme of the elements -- fire, water, earth, and wind -- in the four corners of the gaming floor. Dizzying displays danced on the fronts of the electronic slot machines. Table tops gleamed beneath the chips and cards.

The casino's five restaurants smelled of warm offerings and shined with fresh finishings. "It's brighter than I thought it'd be," said Nashville's Ken Symonds, 37, who worked as a painter during FireKeepers' construction. "You couldn't see it until it was all put together. It's nice."

"The lights, the ambience, it's very, very beautiful, not like any of the other Indian casinos I've ever been to, and I've been to them all," said Detroit's Ed Cohon, 69. He's a member of the Las Vegas-based Casino Chip and Gaming Token Club, which collects casino memorabilia.

Cagle/Teal Wedding



How about a Wedding? Even better, how about a wedding that is performed by the just-re-elected Chairman of the CPN, at Festival and on the hill in a small chapel with air conditioning? That's what happened for Jim and Linda (Melott) Teal on June 25. The bridesmaid was Billie Kearns, with her husband standing in for Best Man Lane Kearns. The traditional Pendleton blanket was presented by the bride's brother, Keith Cagle. The ceremony was Seven Prayers. What a way to start a new life together! They honeymooned at Lake Tahoe, Nevada and with family in Colorado.

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other side of town, so we never were teammates. Yet to even the guys who knew him best, John was an enigma. Quiet. I don't ever remember John saying a word, except when I went to work at the Norman Transcript and interviewed him while he played for the OU baseball team.

Driven. As a sophomore, John started at fullback on a great Norman football team, then gave up the sport to concentrate on baseball. Good career move.

Talented. You could tell at age 14 John had a shot at the major leagues. As a manager? Maybe not. I never thought of a manager going all Teddy Roosevelt, but when you think about it, walking softly and carrying a big stick is just what most big league dugouts need.

The Pittsburgh Pirates probably have learned what we knew on the playing fields of Norman decades ago. If you're serious about baseball, you'll get along fine with John Russell.

Terry Fischer coached John Russell at Norman High School in 1978 and 1979: "I did see John making it through the professional ranks as far as a player goes. He was just a perfectionist. A hard worker. Never satisfied with himself. He had tremendous

drive."

"But John was never really a vocal-type leader. He led by example. He always had respect for the people around him. I never saw him get on anybody. Very even-mannered disposition. As far as managing in the big leagues, that's probably a great characteristic, with as many egos as he's dealing with up there.

"Baseball meant more to John than did it anybody else. The other players, they kind of enjoyed themselves a little more than John. John was always pushing himself. Never satisfied with himself. You'd have to turn the lights out at night to get him to go home.

"He was really quiet. Always led by example. The other kids saw how hard he worked. The dedication it required, I had no doubt in my mind he could make it.

"I really thought he had the possibility of making it. I knew he was going to get the chance. I didn't know if his arm was good enough. I knew he could swing the bat.

"We were playing a game at Norman. Last inning, we were either tied or one run behind. John was at the bat. He hit a ball that cleared the left field lights by at least 10 or 15 feet. Everybody was just in awe."